I rarkey: Iraqi missiles out of 'no-fly' zone

IKARA (R) — Iraq has pulled all missiles out of the southern and NKARA (K) — Iraq has punce an massics one of the southern and orthorn so fly zones as a gesture to the new U.S. administration, arkey's Foreign Minister Hikmet Cetin has said. Mr. Cetin, in remarks arrice by Anatolia news agency, said Saturday night that Iraq had also lithdrawn troops from the north and closed all radars there. "Now it has me to a normal period." Mr. Cetin said in the remarks quoted by Rv this attitude. Iraq wants to give a message to the new nate to a normal period," Mr. Cetin said in the remarks quoted by natelia. "... By this attitude, Iraq wants to give a message to the new linten government." He did not give further details of the Iraqi military eployment in his comments to the institute of Turkish administrators in cambol. The presence of Iraqi anti-aircraft missiles in the allied-patrolled no-fly" zones prompted U.S. President George Bush to order air raids the linted States announced earlier this month that Iraq appeared to have hanged its behaviour in the two "no-fly" zones. A Defence Department pokesman said that Iraq had not used targetting radars or fired on U.S. ad allied planes since Jan. 23.

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جوردان تايمز يومية سياسية تصدر بالانجليزية عن المؤسسة الصحفية الاردنية والراي،

Israel takes back expellee after 22 years

OCCUPIED WEST BANK (R)—Israet allowed a Palestinian it expelled 22 years ago to return home to the Israeli-occupied West Bank Sunday. Majed Salameh, 55, who won the right to return after a seven-year court battle, was the first Arab the Israelis has taken back after such a long exile, his lawyer said. In an emotional reunion, Mr. Salameh tearfully embraced his son, who was five years old when Mr. Salameh was exiled in 1970 on suspicion of membership in Faleh. After crossing the bridge from Jordan into the West Bank, Mr. Salameh said: "May all the other (extles) come home too." Mr. Salameh, who was misnamed by his lawyer last week as Majed Zakarne, was to have returned last Friday, but was turned away by troops who had apparently not been told of the change in his

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IRO (R) — U.S. Secretary of t Egypt on Thursday on the tleg of his Middle East tour to ive stalled Arab-Israeli peace s and resolve the crisis over estinian expellees. Egyptian eign Minister Amr Musa said day Mr. Christopher would et President Hosni Mubarak ore leaving Cairo Friday. Mr. ristopher is also due to visit ia, Jordan, Israel and Saudi abia. It was unclear whether will go to Lebanon.

raeii Arabs decide rainst accepting osnians

L AVIV (AP) — Israeli Arab yors said Sunday they were hdrawing an offer to shelter) Bosnian Muslim refugees, t the government said it pland to bring them anyway. In nouncing Wednesday that ael would give the Muslims dum, the government said it s acceding to a request from a mp of Arab mayors who had ited Bosnia. But the mayors eged Sunday that Israel took action without consulting the snian authorities. "We are not spared to take in anyone," ahim Nimr Hussein, mayor of faram, said after chairing a eting of a committee of Israeliab mayors. Another commitspokesman, Ahmad Tidi, acsed Israel of trying to use its "for a public relaos stunt."

hamenei: Rushdie eath order stays

NDON (AP) — Iran's spir-12 I leader Ayatollah Ali namenei said Sunday the fourar-old death edict against wri-Salman Rushdie for alleged e called on Muslims to kill him. e late Ayatollah Ruhollah tomeini ordered Mr. Rushdie's scution on Feb. 14, 1989 for eged insults to Islam in his ratollah Khamenei said, "the wa on the apostate Salman ishdie must be implemented thout a doubt, and it shall be plemented. It is the duty of all uslims who can reach this ercenary writer today to reove this barmful being from the th of Muslims" (See related my on page 2).

.S. tourist found urdered in Egypt

\IRO (AP) — Police Sunday closed that American tourist ta E. Arias was strangled to ath last week and her body was and in the desert near the port y of Sucz, a police official said. e official said investigators beve the motive of the murder s theft and are searching for : killer. Mrs. Arias, from ami, Florida, was found dead t week in the desert between iro and Suez, 130 kilometres st of the capital. She had nong on her except her clothes.

ittani to quit omaila job

OGADISHU (R) -- Ismat Kiti, special envoy of U.N. retary-General Boutros Ghali Somalia, will leave his job for other U.N. assignment at the d of the month, a spokesman d Sunday, U.N. spokesman rouk Mawlawi said Mr. Kittani s being recalled to the U.N. idquarters in New York at the i of his three-month contract serve in the Horn of Africa mtry. "There is no truth that has resigned," Mr. Mawlawi reporters, citing rumours he suggested Mr. Kittani, an P. Was leaving the job pre-



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Saddam urges dialogue with Clinton, stresses need for wise approach

BAGHDAD (Agencies) — President Saddam Hussein told a U.S. visitor that he wants to open a dialogue with President Bill Clinton and a "new relationship" with Washington, the Iraqi News Agency (INA) reported Sunday. "I believe that the president of the biggest country in the world...

needs to try wisdom, and not weapons," INA quoted President Saddam as saying late Saturday in a meeting with Ramsey Clark, a peace activist and former U.S.

attorney general.

"Is he ready to listen to the viewpoint of Iraq?" President Saddam was quoted as saying.

"If he is ready, I simply believe that we can pave the way for building new relations based on mutual respect... regardless of what had happened," INA quoted President Saddam as

It was the first time that President Saddam himself has asked for a dialogue with Mr. Clinton, who took office Jan. 20. Previous overtures have come from gov-ernment officials and the state-

run media. President Saddam also praised Mr. Clinton's opposition to the Vietnam war.

Abu Jaber

success of

Damascus

discussions

AMMAN (J.T.) — Foreign Minister Kamel Abu Jaber Sun-

day voiced full satisfaction with

the outcome of the talks he held

In a statement to the Jordan

News Agency, Petra, Dr. Abu

Saturday in Damascus.

reports

"There are some trying to por-tray the anti-war past of Clinton as a matter of personal weakness, while we consider such a stand a mark of strength," Presidem Sad-

He made the comments in what was described as "a thorough and comprehensive political dia-logue" with Mr. Clark, a vocal opponent of the 1991 Gulf war. A transcript of their 70-minute dialogue was read on state radio and television and published in

full in Iraqi newspapers. It was the first public mention of Mr. Clinton by the Iraqi leader since he announced a unilateral ceasefire, after U.S.led air and missile attacks on Iraq, in a inauguration-eve offer-ing to the new American leader. We and all of humanity consider this (anti-war) aspects of

The problem is whether the information and advice given to him would keep bim on this path... or he would take another after becoming president.

"In short, is he going to use wisdom or weaponry?"

Iraqi media and officials have despite what are seen as tough statements regarding President Saddam and Iraq's post-Gulf war behaviour.

Pledges by Mr. Clinton to pursue the Bush administration's Iraq policy and to never normalise relations with Baghdad while President Saddam remained in power have largely been ignored. President Saddam urged Mr. Clinton not to be deceived by pressure exerted on him by some State Department officials who retained their jobs when George Bush left office on Jan. 20. "The problem now is whether President Clinton would, in the face of pressures exerted by some, take the same misguided path as did

As part of his attempt at rap-prochement with Washington, Clinton's personality to be a mark President Saddam ordered his air defences to stop challenging U.S. of strength," President Saddam and allied planes in the airexclusion zones set up by the allies to protect Kurds in north-

ern Iraq and Shiites in the south. President Saddam asked Mr. Clinton to forget the past and start afresh.

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Israelis kill Arab youth near Nablus

NABLUS, occupied West Bank (Agencies) - Israeli soldiers shot dead an Arab boy Sunday during troops at a village high school in the occupied West Bank, Palestinian sources said.

They said Amjad Emshaki, 18, that broke out after five army vehicles surrounded the school. five kilometres from the town of Nahlus. Two students were wounded, they said.

Jaber said he conveyed the greet-Israelis have killed at least ings of His Majesty King Hussein 1,016 Palestinians since the outto Syrian President Hafez Al break of the intifada in December

TEL AVIV (Agencies) — Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin

said Sunday he believed Palesti-

nians will resume peace talks

despite their row over 400 Palesti-

"I believe that the parties that

are interested in peace will come

to the peace negotiations, and I

believe that the Palestinians will

do the same," be told Israel

Palestinian peace team mem-

bers said at the weekend they

would shun the 16-month-old

peace negotiations with Israel —

due to resome in March or April

- until all the expellees returned

There are now just under 400

Palestinians remaining in a tent

The peace negotiators re-

mained firm despite a U.N.

Security Council bid to defuse the

dispute. The Security Council on

Friday welcomed a U.S.-

brokered compromise for Israel

to repatriate 101 evictees now

The evictees — all from the

Israeli-occupied West Bank and

Gaza Strip — rejected the com-

promise, demanding they all be

taken back immediately from

their camp between Israeh and

Lebanese army lines.

and the rest by year's end.

camp in southern Lebanon.

nians exiled to Lebanon.

Assad and listened to an evaluation of the situation in the region Human rights groups have by the Syrian leader. voiced concern over a marked Dr. Abu Jaber said he con-sulted with Syrian Vice President Abdul Halim Khaddam and rise in the number of Arab deaths since Israel's December expulsion of 415 Palestinians to Leba-Foreign Minister Faroug Al Shar-

aa on issues of mutual interest, Israeli army regulations forbid including the Palestinian expelshooting to kill in demonstrations lees issue, the Middle East peace unless soldiers' lives are directly process and the Arah situation. threatened. The Syrian officials voiced in-On the Golan Heights Sunday most Arab businesses closed and

terest in pursuing and intensifying consultation and coordination with Jordan with a view to enhancing common Arab work, he said, adding that he felt a genuine willingness to further strengthen cooperation between the two

Dr. Ahu Jaber said the Joint Jordanian-Syrian Higher Committee will meet in the near future in Amman to pursue cooperation between both countries.

In Damascus on Saturday, Dr. Abu Jaber said a five-point U.N. Security Council formula aimed at solving the crisis over 396 Palestinian expellees was not enough and called for the return

of all those expelled. Dr. Abu Jaber did not say whether the return of all the expenses was a precondition demanded by Arabs to resume 15month-old Arab-Israeli peace talks, stalled after Israel's December 17 expulsion of 415

Palestinians. The U.N. formula reaffirmed Resolution 799 calling for the return of all evictees, but said Israel's offer to allow 101 of the remaining 396 evictees to return at once and the rest by the end of the year was a step in the right

Dr. Abu Jaber said of the formula: "What was issued by the Security Council was only a statement. Resolution 799 was stronger and we call for implementa-

tion of this resolution." Dr. Abu Jaber said his talks with President Assad, Mr. Khaddam and Mr. Sharaa were "extremely good and fruitful."
He said before departing for

Leading Palestinian spokesman Hanan Ashrawi said the Security home: "We still have some time Council formula failed to address and this gives us a chance to "the central issue of the illegality of the deportations."

pupils boycotted classes in protest against Israel's 1981 "annexa-

tion" of the strategic plateau, police sources said. Israeli troops and police prevented demonstrations in Golan mountain villages, home to some

18,000 Druze. But about 80 per cent of stores closed, the sources Unrest has diminished in recent years as dozens of Golan Druze, including students, have

been allowed to travel to Syria. Egypt's Foreign Minister Amr Musa said Saturday that Israel's oppressive measures in the occupied territories add more complications to the situation resulting from the Jewish state's mass

expulsion of Palestinians. He described the measures as nnhelpful in creating a proper dimate for pushing forward the

Ziad Aby Zayyad, adviser to the Palestinian peace team, im-plored Israeli leaders to improve

the atmosphere, telling Israeli army radio: "Do something posi-

tive in order to ensure the re-

He accused Israel of raising

obstacles, citing its hlowing up of

Palestinians' houses, leaving

families homeless, in a campaign

to root out activists in the Gaza

Saeb Erakat, a member of the

Palestinian delegation to the

peace talks, said that the endorse-

ment was "tailoring a resolution

to fit Rabin's side, and unfortu-

nately, without the immediate

return of all the denortees, the

Palestinians will not be able to

A political source, speaking on

condition of anonymity, said

Israel was "pleased that the

threat of condemnation or sanc-

tions is behind us and that we can

now concentrate on the impor-

tant issue, namely the peace

Israel's offer to immediately

repatriate 101 of the evictees and

return the rest within a year was

worked out with the U.S. admi-

nistration that Mr. Rabin said

had promised to shield Israel

'Syrian stand'

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continue the peace talks."

sumption of the negotiations."

Middle East peace process.

Mr. Musa made the remarks during a meeting in Cairo with a group of U.S. senators.

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Rabin says Palestinians

will resume peace talks

House denounces

AMMAN (J.T.) - A centre for

freedom, democracy and human rights studies in the Arah World

should act as "a beacon to dispel

darkness prevading the Arah scene," His Majesty King Hus-

sein told the centre's founding

the Jordanian democratic experi-

ence and to liberate (Jordan's)

intellectual and creative capabili-

ties," the King told the 20 found-

ing members of the committee that was formed last week to

oversee the hirth of the pan-Arah

The committee includes sena-

tors, deputies, and political and

The centre's aim is to enhance

committee Sunday.

U.N. deal on exiles

AMMAN (Petra) — The Lower House of Parliament Sunday issued a statement denouncing the U.S.-Israeli compromise deal over U.N. Security Cooncil Resolution 799.

The statement referred to a recent decision by the United States to support Israel's plans to repatriate only 100 of the nearly 400 expellees with the rest of the expellees to be repatriated in degrees over a year from now. Describing the move as a dangerous precedent, the House demanded that the Security Council adopt a clear-cut position vis-avis the question of the expellees and follow up implementation of Resolution 799 in full.

"It is rather strange to see the council refraining from debating the U.N. secretary-general's report demanding that the council implement the resolution," the

statement said. "The United Nations is disregarding its own resolutions and exposing the credibility of international legitimacy to danger by issuing a declaration which in effect prevents the implementation of Resolution 799 that has been overwhelmingly approved passed in response to (Israel's) flagrant violations of buman rights," said the state-

"We always believed that the United Nations continues to be subjected to hegemony and going against Arah interests but the latest Security Council attitude far exceeded this belief and went beyond all logic," it said.

The statement demanded that the council put an end to Israel's atrocities against Palestinians and help the Palestinians regain free-

It also demanded that the council find a way to provide international protection to the Palestinian people.

Foreign Minister Kamel Ahu Jaber, speaking after talks with Syrian leaders in Damascus, called for the return of all the expelled Palestinians.

from any U.N. ultimatums or "What was issued by the Security Council was only a statement. Resolution 799 was stronger and A U.S. senator who recently we call for implementation of this resolution." he said.

His Majesty meets with committee of proposed institution human rights activists. The King the Arab Nation "in order for had called for the establishment poets to express themselves freeof the centre late last year. The ly, in a secure environment ungovernment took the initiative hy marked by oppression or indinaming the members of the comvidual tyranny — an environment mittee early this month. in which children can sleep in

Amman centre on Arab human rights and

democracy should serve as beacon — King

A member of the committee told the Jordan Times, however, that the centre will be an independent entity and that its board of trustees will be pan-Arab.

His Majesty King Hussein Sunday meets with the 20 members of a committee entrusted with supervising the establishment of a centre in

The King, since the introduction of the current phase of democracy, has called on Jordanians to turn Jordan into a model for the Arah World in terms of democracy and human rights. In his speech Sunday, King

cy. hunger, disease, fear, tyranny, plunder, alienation, religious and secular extremism and any other form of assault on man's freedom right or dignity," the

a sense of siege.

terrorised by fear, subjugation or

Following are major excerpts from the King's address: Hussein envisioned a future for "As we see it, the centre's aim

is to enhance the Jordanian democratic experience and to liberate our intellectual and creative capabilities towards the goal of establishing a comprehensive paradigm for political, social and peace and comfort, without being cultural democracy. The centre will thus crystallise the vision for a future phase from which will "We must stand up to illiteraemanate an overall Arab movement rekinding the Arab renaissance that has always been the message of the Great Arah Re-volt. Within this immutable message we have found succor and inspiration during these lean years in our nation's history, as

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Foreign minister under criticism im House over detainees in Egyptian jails By Ayman Al Safadi tian jails. The Muslim Brotherhood bloc Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Mafraq Deputy Abdul Karim Al Dughmi Monday called for resignation of Foreign Minister Kamel Abu Jaber for "his failure to fulfill bis duty" and take appropriate measures to secure the release of over 70 Jordanian citizens the deputy said are jailed in Egypt.

During a session of the Lower House Sunday, Mr. Dughmi called on fellow parliamentarians to withhold confidence from the foreign minister after strongly attacking the Egyptian government for allegedly detaining Jordanian citizens upon arrival in Egypt. He accused Dr. Abu Ja-

ber of "neglecting his duty."

Mr. Dughmi had earlier submitted a written request to Dr. Abu Jaber to detail the measures the Foreign Ministry had taken to free Jordanian citizens reportedly detained in Egypt. He also listed the names of 10 Jordanians he said were being tortured in Egyp-

at the House has provided the ministry with 77 citizens it says are jailed in Egypt.

In his written reply to Mr. Dughmi, Dr. Abu Jaber said the government had not received any official or documented informa tion from the Egyptian government on the number of Jordanian citizens detained or details of charges levelled against them.

Dr. Abu Jaber said the government had information based on letters leaked by detained Jordanians to their families, newspaper reports and communications from human rights organisations.

In addition to launching "official and personal" diplomatic efforts to collect information on the case, Dr. Abu Jaber said the Jordanian embassy in Cairo also contacted the Egyptian authorities to verify unofficial information about the detention of Jordanian citizens but received no re-

'The embassy also directly contacted (concerned Egyptian authorities) at all levels but only received promises that have not been implemented," Dr. Ahu Jaber said.

"Non-Jordaoian groups are contacting the Egyptian authorities for information on a number of detainees holding Jordanian passports," said Dr. Abu Jaber, confirming that Jordanian citizens are detained in Egypt.

"This is a point against you and not for you," Mr. Dughmi said in a speech addressed to Dr. Abu Jaber, who did not attend the House session.

"Your failure to treat this situation led to the intervention of non-Jordanian groups in the

case," Mr. Dughmi said. During the House's session Sunday, Minister of Social Developmem Amin Mashaqbeh also came under fire from Muslim Brotherhood Deputy Abdul Rahim Ekour for not providing

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Exiles urge Arab states to reject U.N. formula

MARJ AL ZOHOUR, Lebanon (R) — Palestinian expellees urged Arab states Sunday to reiect a U.N. bid to defuse the crisis over them before the U.S. secretary of state visits the Middle East.

The Palestinians expelled by Israel and stranded for eight weeks in South Lebanon said it was up to Arab participants to decide whether to return to peace talks with Istael.

But the 396 expellees vowed never to hudge on their demand that Israel should be forced to allow all of them to return immediately in line with U.N. Security Council Resolution 799.

"We urge Arab League foreign ministers to meet and stand against the Zionist-American conspiracy which found a welcome in the Security Council," evictee leader Abdul Aziz Al Rantisi told reporters.

"They should take a united stand especially before (U.S. Secretary of State Warren) Christopher visits and we beg them to support our demand so

that our return home can be futfitled." The evictees on Sunday distributed warm clothing smuggled to

their muddy tent camo between Israeli and Lebanese lines. Journalists saw them using a Lehanese cellular telephone apparently donated by sympathisers to call internationally.

Diplomats said it was highly unlikely Arah League foreign ministers would be able to meet as sought by the Palestinians before Mr. Christopher starts his Middle East tour on Wednesday.

The U.N. Security Council said Friday an Israeli offer to take back 101 of the evictees and allow the rest to return to the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip within a year was a step in the right direction towards ending the cri-

The council declaration was part of a five-point formula which also reaffirmed Resolution 799 and urged Israel swiftly to

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Militants attack Algerian schoolbus; one dead

ALGIERS (R) - Armed Muslim fundamentalists on Sunday attacked a schoolbus carrying children of members of the Algerian security forces, the paramilitary gendarmerie said.

The bus driver, shot in the attack, later died of his wounds, but the gendarmerie statement quoted by the official news agency APS made no mention of any children being hurt.

The incident was the first to involve young children of parents in the security forces.

In a weekend of violence, Defence Minister Khaled Nezzar. seen as the strongman in Algeria's collective presidency, narrowly escaped assassination in a carbomh attack on Saturday in

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France

wins \$3.5b

tank deal

from UAE

ABU DHABI (R) - France won

a \$3.5 billion order from the

United Arab Emirates (UAE) for

more than 390 battle tanks on

Sunday against Tough competi-

United States and Britain.

tion from its Gulf war allies the

The contract was announced

shortly after the opening of the

Gulf's largest defence show,

IDEX 93, where more than 350

weapons manufacturers from 34

countries displayed their wares in

what bas developed into the

world's most important arms

"The UAE will buy 436 French

The LeClerc, made by France's

state-owned Giat Industries, the

U.S. Abrams M1A2 made by

General Dynamics Corporation,

and Vickers Defence System

Ltd's Challenger 2 were all com-

"It was a difficult decision

choosing between three superior tanks," Mr. Suweidi said. He did.

not give the value of the deal part

ies in Britain for lack of sufficient

export orders; the experts said.

UAE's request their tanks would

be powered by a German-made

engine, the 12-cylinder MTU 883. which was on display at the first

International Defence Exhibition

IDE , across the aisle from the

The 1,630-horsepower engine; made by the Deutsche Aerospace

(DASA) unit of Daimler-Benz

A.G., bas been installed in 20,000 different battle tanks in-

Mr. Suweidi said be could not

put a pricetag on the deal "be-

cause of logistics and training". but added that it called for "an".

It was Giat's first export order

for the LeClerc, developed in the 9

late 1980s and previously sold

The Challenger and the origin-

Vickers last year lost a \$4.5

billion order to sell 256 tanks to

Kuwait to General Dynamics'

M1A2. The experts said a \$300

million deal with Oman in Janu-

ary would prove insufficient to

keep embattled Vickers ont of

"The UAE's decision is very

highly political," a disappointed British defence expert said.

al version of the Abrams tanks

had both been battle-tested dur-

only to the French army.

ing the 1991 Gulf war.

the world, officials said:

LeClerk tank.

possible."

Gist officials said that at the

peting for the deal.

LeClerk tanks," UAE Defence spokesman Gamal Al Suweidi

told reporters.

Most American soldiers to leave Somalia by April

American troops in Somalia could be home in April under a plan being prepared by the United Nations, a U.S. military spokesman said Saturday.

As part of the plan. U.S. command of the multinational force in Somalia would be turned over to the United Nations.

President Bill Clinton said he was encouraged by the reported timetable and would "do some work" on the issue Monday. This does need to go from a

U.S. mission to a U.N. mission. Mr. Clinton said during a White House photo session. "Even though I think President (George) Bush hoped we could, I never thought we could do it by

the end of January." Military officials have expressed increasing confidence that the nearly three month-olu Operation Restore Hope can be handed over to U.N. forces. The U.S.-led operation has quelled much of the clan violence that had kept relief aid from millions of people throughout the famine-racked

Farouk Mawlawi the U.N. spokesman in Somalia, said the U.S. handover "will take weeks."

The Security Council is to consider the command shift at a meeting next week. If it is approved. then the U.S. military plans to send home most of the nearly 19,000 troops remaining before May.

"Looking at our timeline. that's perhaps technically feasible by mid-to late April." said Colonel Fred Peck, spokesman for the U.S. forces.

The plan, as reported by the New York Times Saturday, calls for the U.S. troops to be replaced by 15,000 to 20,000 soldiers from various countries. They would include 3.000 to 5.000 Americans, the newspaper said, quoting diplomatic and Pentagon

The international force would be under the command of a Turkish general, the newspaper said. Somalis and other Arabs have said they want a Muslim to oversee the relief effort. Turkey is both Islamie and an ally of the United States.

The Security Council is ex-

international force, the paper The international force meanwhile, continued to face gunfire and seize weapons. Shoot-outs with Somalis left two Somalis wounded, and Italian troops sweeping through a Mogadishu neighbourhood uncovered arms including more than 100 gre-nades, 12,000 detonators and

tion to transfer command of the

four missiles. A U.S. marine helicopter crashed on an airfield in Baledogle, injuring the four crewmen aboard, officials said.

The CH-53D Sea Stallion, of Marine Helicopter Squadron 363, was on a routine training flight when it crashed Saturday night in Baledogie, 100 kilometres northwest of Mogadishu.

Damage to the aircraft and the cause of the accident were under investigation, a U.S. military statement said. No one was hurt

on the ground. Italian forces at dawn raided a neighbourhood in nortbeast Mogadishu, finding weapons under bags of rice, blankets and furniture in homes and shops, said army Captain Ed Loomis. another U.S. military spokesman

The stashes included 25 rifles. 22 heavy weapons, 103 hand gre-nades, 12,000 electronic detonators, 26 artillery and mortar shells, two Tow missiles and two Milan missiles, and four rocketpropelled grenades, he said.

No one was arrested or injured in the sweep, and some people even volunteered to hand over weapons, he said.

A Marine observation team on a routine check wounded a Somaafter coming under fire Friday near a stadium in an area a Marine was killed in January, Capt. Loomis said, and Tunisian troops shot and wounded a Somali in the leg after he and four other Somalis tried to enter a supply compound, presumably to

Of the crashed helicopter crew, the pilot and one crewman were flown to a U.S. army hospital at the Mogadishu airport for treatment and observation, the statement said. The two others were treated

Shelling duels erupt near Lebanon evictees' camp

ren Christopher tours the Middle East to revive peace talks.

Several artillery rounds fired non. from Israel's self-styled "security zone" in southern Lebanon crashed before dawn on suspected resistance strongholds at Dahr mountain, which overlooks the camp of nearly 400 Palestinians expelled by Israel, police reported.

Neither side reported casualties Sunday. A militiaman from Israel's allied South Lebanon Army (SLA) was killed and nine others wounded Saturday when the guerrillas launched the attack with a mortar barrage on a forward SLA post.

The exchanges flared from dusk Saturday to daybreak Sunday, pitting Israeli and SLA militia gunners against Hizbollah.
Police said that the Israelis and

allies pounded eight villages with rounds from tanks and Howitzers. Parachute flares lit up the area the Litaui River basin 25 kilometres east to Dahr moun-

Guerrillas struck back with mortar barrages aimed at outlying SLA and Israeli positions. They fired three Soviet made Katyusha rockets that exploded harmlessly west of Marjayoun, the main town of the "security zone," police said.

SEX, adultery, bribes and

phonetaps are the extra spicy

ngredients in the race for the

head of what is - or was - the

bighest religious authority in the land: the Chief Rabbinate, the

official spokesman of Judaism in

The two men to be chosen next

week - one an Ashkenazı Jew,

of Eastern European origin, and

one a Sephardi or Oriental Jew -

should provide moral guidance

The most deadly, accusations

have emerged in the campaign for

the Ashkenazi chief rabbi. Early

on Haifa's Ashkenazi chief Rabbi

Sbe'ar-Yasbuv Cohen accused

the front-runner, Yisrael Meir Lau, chief rabbi of Tel Aviv, of

leaking and distorting statements

he had made to the press in order

to paint him as a dangerous liber-

Israel.

for the nation.

BEIRUT (Agencies) - Shelling A Hizbollah communique said dnels raged early Sunday in the attack was launched to comsouthern Lebanon, four days be- memorate former leader Sheikh fore U.S. Secretary of State War- Abbas Musawi, killed Feb. 16, 1992 when Israeli belicopters blasted his convoy in South Leba-

Dahr mountain lies about 1.6 kilometres from the raindrenched tent city where about 400 Palestinians expelled by Israel bave lived for nearly two

Hizboilah Secretary-General Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah bit out at the U.N. Security Council for failing to force Israel to take back the expellees.

He was speaking at a rally at a Beirut Mosque to commemorate the killing of Sheikh Abbas. Sheikh Musawi's wife and child were also killed in the Israeli

helicopter ambush. "We stress in the memory of the martyrdom of Sheikh Abbas Musawi that the resistance as a military act of (boly war) will continue and escalate... at any cost," Sheikh Nasrallah said. We will never abide by any

'rules of the game," be told a cheering crowd of about 10,000. The only rules are the preservation of the resistance and its

The Islamic Resistance, Hizbollah's military arm, has launched bundreds of attacks, including suicide bombings, against Israeli forces in South Lebanon in the past decade.

al. Rabbi Lau's supporters then

accused Rabbi Cohen's appar-

atchiks of bugging his office.

Rabbi Cohen counter-claimed

that his phone was being tapped.

Then came the sex. This week

the Hebrew press has reported

that Rabbi Lau has made sexual

advances against several women

"It's more like a U.S. presiden-

tial race than an election for the Chief Rabbinate," says Shakar

Illan, a writer on religious affairs

for Ha'aretz newspaper. "It's a

tragi-comedy, says Menachem

Friedman, a sociologist and au-

thor of books on the Institution.

He and others have been predict-

ing the decline and fall of the

Chief Rabbinate for several

years. Now, they believe it is

- which he has denied.

Rabbis throw spicy insults in election race

Pakistani mediator secures Afghan ceasefire agreement

KABUL (R) — A Pakistani peace mediator has won a ceasefire agreement from the Afghan government and its dissident guerrilla foe the Hezb-e-Islami after nearly a month of fighting in the capital, a spokesman said

"Hezb-e-Islami and the government have both agreed to hold fire to facilitate our peace mission," said Khalid Khawaja, spokesman for retired Pakistani Lieutenant-General Haffiid Gul.

The truce, agreed late Saturday, has no time limit and the peace brokers hope to negotiate a permanent ceasefire soon, Mr.

Khawaja said. The city was at its quietest since the battles between government forces and the Hezb-e-Islami of radical leader Gulbuddin Hekmatyar erupted 27 days ago. Hundreds of people have been killed and more than 5,000 injured in the fighting.

No rocket or artillery fire was heard overnight or Sunday morning and residents took advantage of the lull to venture out to stock up on scarce provisions.

Food and fuel are in extremely short supply in the capital, and the United Nations says it has succeeded in supplying only one per cent of the capital's food

When the Chief Rabbinate was

founded in 1921 its purpose was

to define the nature of Jewish

citizenship, in Mandatory Pales-

tine, before the state was found-

ed, and to make learned inter-

pretations of Jewish law, It is a

Zionist body, funded by the state.

As such it is largely spurned by anti-Zionist, ultra-Orthodox reli-

gious groups. It makes rnlings, for example, on who can be

defined as a Jew and supervises

of the Chief Rabbinate as prime

arbiter of Jewish law - Halacha

and cannot be enforced according

to Professor Friedman. In a main-

prefer to listen to their own rab-

bis. And the Chief Rabbinate has

no power outside Israel. As a

Over the years the broad role

has become largely symbolic,

secular society Israelis may

the kosher food laws.

A few bursts of machinegun fire erupted, but these were not unusual in a city patrolled by thousands of armed men from the various Majahedeen parties that took power from the former commnnist government in Kabul last

April. There have been a few violations but they were mistakes or by people who did not know about the ceasefire." Mr. Khawa-

Gen. Gul, who led Pakistani military intelligence throughout much of the 14-year Afghan war and directed the Mujahedeen parties in their fight, left Sunday for Mr. Hekmatyar's headquar ters at Charasyab south of Kabul for more talks.

He met President Burhanuddin Rehheni Saturday. Mr. Hekmatyar is fighting to

unseat Mr. Rabbani, accusing him of rigging his election last Mr. Khawaja refused to give

details of Gen. Gul's talks with the two rival fundamentalist: leaders, saying: "It is very, very sensitive work."

It was unclear if the two sides agreed to the ceasefire ont of deference to Gen. Gul, credited with being the architect of the Majahedeen victory over the former Soviet-backed government.

result the prestige and learning of the Chief Rabbis have declined.

tion is all-powerful. The two

Chief Rabbis are judge and jury

in Israel's marriage and divorce

courts. It is here that the Israeli

state and the Jewish religion are

intertwined. While many secular

Jews have objected, religious

Jews in Israel bave always in-

sisted that religious control must

be exercised over marriage and

divorce to preserve the unity and

Religious experts say they be-

lieve that when the new Chief

Rabbis are finally chosen they

will have far less status than their

predecessors and eventually the

institution will be dismantled

But rabbinical control over mar-

riage and divorce is likely to

remain - The Jerusalem Post.

to step np his own public appear-

In the first year he has visited

nine countries seeking interna-

tional support and denouncing

what be called "Iran's state ter-

The British government recent-

ly said the death order was an

an anti-Islamic and hostile coun-

try to world Muslims," IRNA

long realised that the late imam's

decree on Rushdie being an apos-

tate is not revocable and is still

he is nothing more than a political

card for bis supposed backers in

their propaganda campaign

against Iran and Islam and one

In its apparent new approach,

the British government has effec-

tively reversed two key aspects of its policy on Mr. Rushdie and

day will be discarded."

"As for the apostate himself,

valid," it said.

"British statesmen should have

ances and trips abroad.

purity of the Jewish people.

But in one vital area the institu-

A previous ceasefire, negotiated last August by neutral Mujahedeen parties and a Pakistan government minister to end bloody battles between Mr. Rabbani and Mr. Hekmatyar, lasted for several weeks.

privately they were forced to agree to the truce, which they described as a mistake that enabled Mr. Hekmatyar to rearm

ty, based in the western suburbs and recently aligned with Mr. Hekmatyar, was not included in this latest ceasefire, Mr. Khawaja

Mr. Hekmatyar launched an attack on Kabul last August in which 2,500 people were killed and thousands injured. He bas since attacked the city intermit-

Sudanese rebels rob U.N. workers

NAIROBI (AP) — Southern Sudan rebels robbed three U.N. workers and two airplane crew members when they landed in a town hit by famine and disease, the United Nations said Saturday.

woman in Nairobi, said no one was injured and the aircraft was not damaged in the assault

belongings and some medicine."

She said the flight was antho-

hands without SRRA knowing," Ms. Barton said.

She said about 200 armed men, who had mounted anti-aircraft guns around the runway, surrounded the Cessna 200 when it landed from the northwestern

But John Luke, a spokesman for the breakaway faction, denied his group was responsible.
"We have no forces there.

impression we are hindering re-lief," Mr. Luke said.

Ms. Barton said the U.N. staff: had gone to check on health and food requirements for the people, mostly members of the Dinka tribe.

As many as a million people have died due to war and famine and six million forced to flee their homes since the civil war started

press for increased autonomy for the African and predominantly animist and Christian south, traditionally dominated by the Musbm and Arab north.

Government officials have said

and resupply.

The Shiite Hezb-e-Wahdat par-

The government said Hezb-e-Wahdat sued for a ceasefire from midnight Friday after the govern-ment made substantial advances against its positions, but soon

Mr. Hekmatyar has refused to halt his assault unless Mr. Rabbani agrees to elections within a year and the formation of an interim government acceptable to all par-

In an attempt to take power.

defence experts said it was worth at least \$3.5 billion. Mr. Suweidi said Giat hadagreed to re-invest 60 per cent of the deal's value in joint-venture projects in the UAE. General Dynmaics was strong enough to shrug off losing the contract but Vickers may be forced to shut one of two factor.

Brenda Barton, a U.N. spokes-

"They took all their personal

Ms. Barton said of the rebels. rised a week ago by the Sudan Relief and Rehabilitation Association (SRRA), the humanitatian wing of the rebel Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) faction level to John

"Apparently the town changed

Kenya border town of

Lokochagio.
The Relief and Rehabilitation Association said Saturday the Nasir faction of Rick Machal

carried out the robbery.

They are just trying to create the

nearly 10 years.
The rebels took arms in 1983 to

Ms. Barton said there were no plans for the U.N. to halt its

missions to southern Sudan be-

Dubai, Aba Dhabi (RJ)

cause of the incident.

General Dynamics officials said losing the UAE deal will have no serious effect on their

Britain and the United States remain the region's main arms suppliers but France, eager to penetrate the lucrative Gulf market, has close military ties with the UAE.

It sold the oil-rich UAE Mirage 2000 warplanes equipped with U.S. armament and air defence systems in the mid-1980s and defence experts say the two sides might soon enter tresh negotiations for more Mirage 2000s.

Beirut (ME)

MIDDLE EAST NEWS IN BRIEF

Egypt urges Israel to hait violence

CAIRO (R) -- Egypt urged Israel to stop blowing up Palesrinians' homes in the Gaza Strip as part of a campaign to root oul suspected fugilives. Egypt, the only Arab country to have signed a peace treaty with Israel, said it viewed with concern Israeli forces' use of anti-tank rockets and explosives to demolish the houses. "Egypt does not accept such unjustified escalation against civilians...such acts are a flagrant violation of the Geneva convention and all international laws and norms," said a Foreign Ministry statement published in local newspapers Sunday, "Such acts constitute a real obstacle to the peace process," the statement added. The Israeli army fired rockets at 20 Palestinian homes in the Gaza Strip Thursday in what it described as an operation to capture wanted activists. "Egypt calls on the Israeli government to halt these acts, comply with legitimate rules, apply the law and ensure security for the Palestinian people in the occupied

France offers Algeria \$1.07b in credits

ALGIERS (R) - France has offered Algeria six billion francs (\$1.07 billion) in credits for 1993, visiting Finance Minister Michel Sapin said Saturday. Mr. Sapin told reporters that five billion francs (\$890 million) would be in the form of commercial credits, the same amount as the French government lent in 1992. The remaining one billion francs (\$180 million) "is at exceptional financial conditions and with absolutely no strings attached," Mr. Sapin said after signing the credit agreements with Ahmad Benbitour, the junior minister of economy and treasury. The credits are of enormous importance to Algeria, which will have to spend \$9 billion this year servicing a foreign debt of about \$26 billion. Export earnings will be only \$11 billion. The Algerian government has indicated it will need some \$2 billion from the international community this year to close its external financing gap. France, which ruled Algeria for more than 100 years up to 1962, had already promised to help Algeria economically but it

was not clear until now how large the credits would be. The two ministers also signed an agreement on the protection of French investments in Algeria. Mr. Sapin said France agreed to help Algeria in its talks with international financial organisations "so that the dialogue will be fruitful and that all the difficulties and special characteristics of the Algerian economic situation should

U.S. warns against travel in Afghanistan

WASHINGTON (R) — The State Department Saturday warned Americans against travel in Afghanistan, saying Westerners there are vulnerable to robbery, kidnapping and hostage-taking for political and criminal purposes. Afghanistan's guerrillas and government troops were locked in a fierce battle near the capital Kabul Saturday in their 26th day of fighting for political control. The United States has had no diplomatic mission in Kabul since

Kazakh president meets Mubarak

CAIRO (R) - Kazakb President Nursultan Nazarbayev beld talks with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak Sunday and signed an agreement for bilateral cooperation. Egyptian officials hope the new accord will stimulate trade with the huge oil-rich republic in Central Asia. The two leaders discussed "the need to maintain stability, curb the spread of violence and extremism and preserve the real spirit of religion and its positive influence on society," the sources said. Egypt, witnessing a rising tide of Muslim fun-damentalism, is also interested in containing Iranian influence in Muslim Central Asia. It has bonoured scholars from the area and offered to set up religious and educational services. Mr. Nazarbayev arrived Saturday. He is the fourth president from a former Soviet republic to visit Cairo since the republics became independent just over a year ago. Egypt had extensive trade with the former Soviet Union and has managed to maintain trade worth hundreds of millions of dollars a year with the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) through constant high-level contacts between officials and businessmen.

British support for Rushdie Garang. will harm ties, IRNA says pledged after meeting Mr. Hogg

rorism.

NICOSIA (R) — Iran's official news agency IRNA has warned that new meetings between Brit-ish officials and author Salman Rushdie would further harm relations between London and

Indian-born British author Rushdie has lived in biding since Iran issued a death warrant against him in 1989 saying he blasphemed Islam in his book 'The Satanic Verses."

Saturday night on the fourth anniversary of the order issued by Iran's late Ayatollah Rohullah The news agency said a meeting last week between Mr. Rush-

die and British Foreign Office Minister Douglas Hogg in London "is bound to affect the prospect of relations between Britain and Iran." It was Mr. Rushdie's first public meeting with a British

visits abroad and recent interviews as "yet another futile bid to avert the inevitable" and reiterated Iran's stand that the death sentence was "binding and irre-

Mr. Rusbdie, 45, who has spent four years under 24-hour police protection moving from

obstacle to closer relations with Iran, such as npgrading ties to ambassadorial level. IRNA made its comments "Whatever short-term political benefits London's vain support for Rushdie may have for that country, in the long run ...Britain will be more and more exposed as

minister in four years.
IRNA described Mr. Rushdie's

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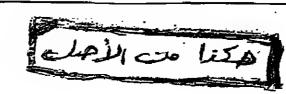
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sider Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker Sunday meets with a visiting th Korean delegation (Petra photo)

harif Zeid discusses ties ith visiting N. Korean team

IMAN (Petra) — Prime tister Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker day met with a visiting North rean delegation and expressed reciation of North Korea's nd in support of Palestinian ats and Arab causes.

iharif Zeid said the North Kon parliamentary delegation's it is expected to strengthen ations and cooperation been Jordan and North Korea.

lead of the delegation Yang ong Sop expressed his satisfac-with the development of ations between his country and dan and voiced North Korea's olute backing for the Palestin people and support for soluis to international conflicts ough dialogue based on jus-

Following the meeting with the prime minister, Mr. Hyong Sop and bis delegation met with Foreign Minister Kamel Abu Jaber to review Middle East and world affairs. Mr. Hyong Sop and Dr. Abu Jaber called for the establishment of Middle East peace based on U.N. Security Council

Mr. Sop and his delegation called at the Jordan University of Science and Technology (JUST) and were briefed by its president, Dr. Kamel Ajlouni, on the uni-Versity's programmes and activi-

Dr. Ajlouni discussed with the visitors the prospect of launching educational cooperation with Korean universities. He also accompanied the parliamentary delegation on a tour of the campus.

Brucellosis workshop o form regional plan

MMAN (Petra) - A four-day gional workshop opened Suny in Amman to coordinate orts of seven Middle East untries in combating brucello-... a disease caused by the ucella bacteria affecting espelly cattle and causing undulant er in humans.

n welcoming the delegates m Jordan, Syria, Lebanon ypt, Sudan, Oman and Tur-7. Minister of Agriculture rez Khasawneh said the workop is designed to produce an grated programme that will nefit the participating nations. J.N. Resident Representative lordan Omar Hashem addresthe opening session and lerlined the importance of the eting in finding ways to protect nan health as well.

V.U.N. Food and Agriculture ganisation (FAO) representaoutlined the various topics to discussed and a report on abating brucellosis in a num-

He said that in light of the workshop's findings, efforts will be made for international financ-

ing of resultant projects. Several working papers will be reviewed including statistics of brucellosis cases in each country, achievements in combating the disease and proposed program-mes for collective work.

According to Dr. Khasawneh, recent surveys in Jordan showed a decline in the rate of Brucella infection, but he said there is still a need for a regional plan to deal with the problem.

He added that since the mid-1980s the Ministry of Agriculture took measures against brucellosis through vaccines in cooperation with international organisations.

Dr. Khasawneh said the ministry had also started producing brucellosis vaccines.
The four-day workshop is being organised by the Ministry of Agriculture in cooperation with the FAO and the World

HOME NEWS IN BRIEF

Prime minister visits PSD

AMMAN (Petra) - Prime Minister Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker anday stressed the important role of the public security forces in naintaining stability and security in Jordan. During a visit to the 'ublic Security Department (PSD), Sharif Zeid called for ntensifying efforts to improve the performance of the PSD forces at all levels. PSD Director Major-General Fadel All Fuheid SSD n an address delivered in the presence of Sharif Zeid the PSD exerts strenuous efforts to maintain national security. "The PSD ias, to a great extent, succeeded in affecting positive changes in is structural systems and performance in a manner that suits the ocial changes witnessed in the country and the democratie experiment through which we are passing." Major-General uneid said.

Ramadan government hours announced

MMAN (Petra) - Government office hours during the fasting nonth of Ramadan will be from 9.30 until 2.00, according to a communique issued by Prime Minister Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker. he communique excluded staff of departments whose nature of rork requires special administrative arrangements.

lataineh to attend Arabisation meeting in Bahrain

MMAN (Petra) - Jordan will participate in a conference on Arabising the Education of Medicine and Medical Sciences in the Arab World" to open in Bahrain Feb. 16. Health Minister aref Bataineh who will head the Jordanian delegation to the aree-day conference said he will present several proposals ealing with writing medical books in Arabic and the establishent of a data library which would contain Arabie medical books.

WHAT'S GOING ON

EXHIBITIONS

Exhibition entitled "Modernist Still Life Photographed" at the American Centre. Exhibition of watercolour paintings by Syrian artist Nazir

Nab's at Batadas Art Gallery. Exhibition of paintings by the late Syrian artist Alfred Hatmai

at Al Balga Art Gallery in Fuheis city.

Exhibition of paintings by four Arab artists from the United States --- Ghada Jamal, Helen Khai, Suha Noursi and Afaf Zurayk - at the Abdul Hameed Shoman Foundation Gallery in Jabal Amman, between the First and Second Circles.

Exhibition of photographs by Jean-Philippe Reverdot at the Prench Cultural Centre.

ixhibition of paintings by Iraqi artist Hayat Jamii Hafez at Alia Irt Gallery.

French film entitled "La Vie de Familie" at the French Cultural Centre at 8 p.m.

'ideo of "Dama Yankees" at the American Centre at 5 p.m.

Iraqi dinar plunges after CBJ warning

By P.V. Vivekanand Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN -- The Iraqi dinar took a plunge in the local market Sunday in the wake of a Central Bank of Jordan (CBJ) warning that speculators were behind the dramatic boost Saturday in the exchange rate of the beleagured Iraqi currency.

The Iraqi dinar was being traded at around 50 to 55 file Sunday, down from 100 file at closing Saturday. dealers said, The climbdown followed a state-

ment issued by CBJ Governor Mohammad Saeed Al Nabulsi late

"There is no change in the status of the Iraqi dinar," said the statement, adding that "speculation" was behind the sudden rise in the exchange value of the dinar. The statement said the Central Bank would soon adopt "strict mea-

sures against speculators" and to "protect the interests of the public and the Jordanian and Iraqi econo-"The CBJ warning -- without directly intervening in the market ---

appeared to have worked well to isperse the frenzy for traqi dinars. said Qasem Al Masri, manager of the maio branch of Cairo-Amman Bank. Several other banking officials agreed with the view, and particularly

noted that the CBJ warning against speculation appeared to have been taken seriously by those concerned.

Banking circles and dealers agreed

gers, the masterminds behind the scam used the weekend to spread rumours that it was only a matter of weeks before the United Nations Security Council would relax if not lift the international sanctions against

Iraq.
The calm reported in the military front coupled with obvious traqi political overtures to Washington appeared to have fuelled the speculation, drawing in hundreds to scramble for the traqi currency.

The payoff came Sarurday, when the Iraqi dinar shot up to 100 fits in

the market, up from around 40 fils Wednesday, before slumping back to 50 to 55 fils Sunday. Bankers and moneychangers ex-

pected the currency to fall further to 40 to 45 fils Monday. "Ordinary people were the major victims of the scam, said Marwan Al Alami, head of the Alami Exchange House, a licensed moneychanger. have been advising clients not to invest in the traqi currency, but it seems that many were ensuared in the

"t am willing to bet that almost every household in Amman was engaged in yesterday's frantic search for traqi dinars," he said.

Several dealers reported that many Jordanians were enticed into selling their dollar holdings to buy Iraqi

that there was little doubt that curren- dinars in Saturday's frenzy with hopes

of high returns.

In a saturday's frenzy with hopes of high returns.

Enlisting the witting on unwitting support of unlicensed moneychansupport of unlicensed money managed the scheme very carefully and unloaded their Iraqi dinars into the market at more than double the prices they paid for the currency in the past weeks and months."

Mr. Alami, whose firm was offering 55 fils to the dinar at midday day, underlined the superficiality of the exchange rates of the dinar in traq and Jordan, the only country where the Iraqi dinar is freely exchanged.
"At today's rate in Jordan, one

could buy up to 1t or 12 Iraqi dinars to the dollar," he noted, "In Bagh-dad, the dollar fetches not less than 30 dinars."

"The entire exchange system for the traci dinar is crooked," he added. Mr. Alami said he believed that it would take "many years" before the traqi currency could regain any semblance of its pre-crisis value; it was sold four to five to the American dollar in the black market prior to the traqi invasion of Kuwait in August

The officially set exchange rate remains the same at \$3.1 to every

traqi dinar.
"Even if the U.N. were to lift the sanctions tomorrow, t don't think the traqi dinar could regain its value." said Mr. Alami. "Iraq needs billions and billions of dollars to stabilise itself and it would be many years before it can achieve stability."

Talal Fareed, manager of the main branch of the Jordan National Bank in Amman, said commercial banks had little to do with the upheavals in

the Iraqi currency. Unlicensed moneychangers dealing among themselves and streetside exchangers were behind the unreasonable rise and fall of the Iraqi dinar," he told the Jordan Times. The regional manager of an inter-

"The only explanation is that speculators who were marking time with huge amounts of hourded traci diners hed in and moved out with a fat profit," said the banker, whose bank, like mosi other Jordanian banks. stopped all dealings in the Iraqi currency immediately after the Gulf crisis empted in August 1990.

The exchange value of the dinar in the Iraqi marker hovered between 30 and 35 to the dollar in recent weeks while the rate in Jordan slowly recovered after taking a plunge during last month's military confrontation be-tween Baghdad and the U.S.-led antiraq coalition over implementation of Gulf ceasetire terms.

Bankers in Jordan are warning of two distinct pitfalls for hourders of tragi currency: forgeries and uncerprospects for banknotes printed by the Iraqi government in the wake of the Gulf crisis.

There is no way of telling what ercentage of the dinars now in the hands of Jordanians is fake," said : e chief dealer at one of Jordan's leading The official noted that there was a

large amount of lorged Iraqi dinars in circulation in Iraq as well as outside. in addition to two types of legal currency; the first is nicknamed "European" and the other "askan"

(military). The term "European" stands for fragi notes printed in Europe and in circulation prior to the Gulf crisis and 'askari" denotes those printed by the fragi government when faced with a shortage of currency and refusal by Britain to release banknotes printed

under contract with Baghdad. "Askari" notes fetch 20 to 25 per cent less than the value of "European" notes.

The Iraqi government has accused the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), Israel, Saudi Arabia and Iran of printing and distributing hundreds of millions of Iraqi dinars in forced currency in a bid to further undermine the country's economy.

It was difficult to estimate with any

degree of accuracy the volume of the Iraqi currency that changed hands in Saturday's heetic trading in the Jordanian market. But exchangers and banking offi-

cials have said that several hundred million !raqi dinars were in the hands of speculators in Jordan alone. In addition, some banking officials say the billions of Iraqi dinars

("European") that were transferred to speculators in the Gulf states, notably Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates (UAE), in the past two years appears to be slowly making their way back to Jordan after the Kuwait central bank banned all deal-

ings in the Iraqi currency three

months ago.
According to the international banker as well as other banking circles, hoarders of Iraqi currency run the risk of losing all such holdings if the Iraqi government were to declare the "askari" notes null and void at any given point in time.

On the other hand, some observers recall that the traqi government had faced a similar situation in 1976 but opted to continue to honour locally printed banknotes even after finding itself under heavy pressure to with-

They also note that President Saddam Hussein, although not holding presidency, was effectively in control of running the country during that

"Iraq has an excellent track record of honouring its own currency under all circumstances," said an observer. "It is a matter of national pride for the Iraqis which will not easily be sacrificed by the Baathist regime in Bachdao.

Reports from Bughdad said Sunday that the dinar was gaining strength and prices were falling in the Iraqi market against rumours that the sancnons were to be lifted soon.

"frag's economy, battered with 30 months of a blanket embargo, reacts quickly to rumours and news that Baghdad is looking for an accom-modation with (U.S. Presidem Bill) Clinton, said a Baghdad trader

Satellite channel goes on the air May 2

By Saad Silawi Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Jordan's satellite television channel will become formally operational on May 2, 1993, the 40th anniversary of His Majesty King Hussein's assumption of his constitutional powers and Jordan Television's (JTV) 25th anniversary, according to Jordan Radio and Television Corporation Director Radi

Mr. Alkhas told the Jordan Times that experimental transmission through this channel started in February and viewers expressed satisfaction with the programmes, he said.

through channel 24 of Arabsat, the Arab satellite, which is financed by Arab countries. Viewer feedback from Saudi Arabia, the Gulf region and

other Arab states is excellent, Mr. Alkhas reported. He said the experimental telecasts included news programmes in Arabic, French and English, in addition to other local program-

Mr. Alkhas said that in prepacorporation has appointed corres-



Radi Alkhas

The new service will operate correspondents will be added shortly

To boost domestic telecasts a small television station located in Irbid has started broadcasting morning and evening program-mes for the Irbid region only, Mr. Alkhas said.

He added that a television studio in Karak will be opened soon, and similar studios will be established in different governorates before the year's end.

Mr. Alkhas said the corporaration for the formal opening, the tion is also establishing an agricultural television station in the pondents for the channel in Lon- Jordan Valley in cooperation don Brussels, Paris, Vienna, New York, Washington, Cairo, Tunis, and Rabat, adding that more sion services to farmers.

Jordan to head Arab sports panel

AMMAN (Petra) - Jordan was chosen to head an Arab sports committee charged with drafting a future working plan for sports activities and events in the Arab World, Minister of Youth Saleh Irsheidat said Saturday.

Dr. Irsbeidat who participated in a recent meeting of the Arab Youth and Sports Council in Beirut said the Arab youth ministers decided that Jordan would host the Arab-African youth camp next summer.

Dr. Irsheidat said the council has established a ministerial committee to follow up the reconstruction of sports facilities in Lebanon devastated by the civil

The committee will prepare a comprehensive study, including an estimate of the reconstruction costs, the minister said.

Jordan to begin first nursing programme for terminally ill where patients and their families me is estimated at \$91,000 of

By Maha Addesi Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN - An agreement between the General Union for Voluntary Societies (GUVS) and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) was signed Sunday, to introduce a "model" community-hased nursing programme to care for the terminally ill in Jordan.

The "Malath" programme, the first of its kind in Jordan, will consists of an interdisciplinary health care team of nurses trained in caring for the terminally ill. according to Joann Harrison, wife of the U.S. ambassador to Jordan, who played a leading role in the planning and establishment of the hospice programme. "Previously, there has not been

a health care resource in Jordan

could seek support when curative which USAID will provide care was no longer possible," Mrs. Harrison said, "So a group of concerned persons in the community recognised the need for such a programme," she said. "The programme goals include keeping patients at home as long as possible, and helping them to live as fully as possible and at affordable costs. The programme also aims at educating health professionals and the general public, but most importantly it

duplicating existing services,' Mrs. Harrison said, According to a founding member of the Malath programme. Joan Mary Majali, services will be available 24 hours a day from the programme's office in Jabal

\$53,000 in technical assistance, initial equipment and supplies. The remaining funds will be

provided by GUVS. It also stated that if the pilot project is successful, similar programmes will be established throughout the Kingdom by GUVS, and that a separate voluntary society is being estab-

lished for this purpose. Mrs. Harrison said it is important to incorporate such a programme to suit Jordan,

aims at supplementing and not The hospice programme must be made "culturally acceptable for Arabs" and must be "cared for by Arabs in Jordan," she said. The agreement was signed by President of GUVS Abdullah Khatib, U.S. Ambassador to Jor-dan Roger Harrison and USAID The total cost of the program-Director William Oliver.

U.N. appoints new ESCWA head

AMMAN (J.T.) - United Nations Secretary-General Boutros Ghali has appointed Sabab Bakjaji, as Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA), at the level of Under-Secretary General.

Dr. Bakjaji was Syria's Minister of State for Planning in two successive cabinets, during the period 1985-1992.

He was a professor at Damas-cus University (1967-1972) and served two terms as Dean of the Faculty of Commerce, from 1973 to 1976 and again from 1981 to

duties, he continued academic Dr. Bakjaji obtained the gium, after obtaining a Licence in mathematical and physical scien-ces from Damascus University



Sabah Bakjaji

He has authored several works and conducted research in the In addition to his ministerial economic and social fields, including transport economics, informatics and econometrics.

Dr. Bakjaji also prepared stu-Doctorat D'Etat in actuarial sci- dies related to statistical analysis, ences in 1967 from Lenven (Lou- re-insurance, actuarial mathema-Catholic University in Bel-tics, electronic data processing and operations research.

Born in Deir Az-Zawr, Syrian Arab Republie in 1930, Dr. Bak-

jaji is married and has three daughters and one son. and a Licence in actuarial sciences also from Leuven. Jordan Caritas to attend regional meeting in Beirut

African and Middle East coundiscuss migration of Arab nation- Adeli said. als to foreign countries and the adverse effect of such moves on

socio-economic development. Father Mousa Adeli who heads Jordan Caritas told the Jordan Times that the meeting will discuss ways to initiate socioeconomic projects to help encourage people to remain in their own Arab region.

AMMAN (J.T.) — Representatives of Caritas organisations age them from going abroad from Jordan and other North especially to the industrialised nations where there are comtries are opening a week-long plaints of high unemployment meeting in Beirut Monday to and economic recession, Father

The meeting will also be attended by organisations specialising in migration and providing assistance to Third World countries in order to boost their socio-economic development, he

Father Henry Boulad, president of the Near East and North Caritas policy is to help the Africa region will preside over indigenous population to settle in the Beirut meetings.



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Inch closer to Black Sea

THE ONGOING visit of a high-level Jordanian delegation headed by Chief Chamberlain Prince Ra'd Ben Zeid to the new independent Islamic republics appears to be producing instant and positive results on the diplomatic and economic levels. Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan and Azerbaijan have all agreed to forge closer relations with Jordan in the wake of His Majesty the King's decision to send the delegation there. Closer ties with those countries could be translated into not only warmer political relations but also cultural and economic as well.

Many states from various regions of the world are rushing to establish contacts with the new independent Islamic countries in the wake of the collapse of former Soviet Union, since most of the Islamic tier in former U.S.S.R. are rich in resources and well endowed with yet unexplored wealth and economic potential. But what binds Jordan with these countries and their peoples goes beyond trade and commerce. Being Islamic, we share with them and the rest of the Arab World common religion and culture, on the basis of which stronger relationships can be forged. In due course, many Arab and Islamic embassies will be opened in these countries to give expression to the

newly-initiated contacts.

Jordan no doubt will be among those countries that would pioneer this trend. Given the warm and friendly receptions accorded our delegation, in Baku, Tashkent and Bishkek, we can expect reciprocal visits from the governments of the three states to Jordan in the near future. This is a time for getting acquainted with the unique opportunities that the Islamic countries in the Black Sea region can offer and an occasion to establish new. bridges with them. As those Muslim countries had lived under the heavy shadow of U.S.S.R. for a long time contacts between them and the rest of the Islamic and Arab worlds were indeed difficult and remained at a low level. Now that they are free and breathing freely away from the domination of Moscow, however, they can be expected to highlight their own identities and open the read for stronger ties with the rest of the international community on the basis of their unique circumstances and background. Jordan therefore has done well to take the initiative in starting relations with them. And we hope the step can be followed up in a manner which serves the mutual interests of all

ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES

THE U.N. Security Council has washed its hands of Resolution 799, concerning the repatriation of the deported Palestinians, by declaring that the U.S.-Israeli compromise of returning 100 of the expelled men only was sufficient and a step in the right direction. said Al Rai' Arabic daily Sunday. In fact, such a declaration constituted a way of escaping from the duty of implementing the resolution and tricking the world community into believing that the Israelis were indeed implementing the resolution while in reality they are not, said the paper. It is also strange to hear the Arab League secretary general issuing a statement accepting the compromise at a time when the evictors' issue is far from being resolved, the daily added. Indeed, the U.N. announcement that it accepts the compromise represents a defeat for the United Nations Organisation and its Charter and provides another evidence that the Security Council has been transformed into another tool in the hand of the United States State Department, the paper continued. The ignominious behaviour of the U.N. Security Council vis-a-vis Resolution 799 sets a very dangerous precedent that could be repeated with resolutions 242 and 338. the paper warned. It said that now, in the light of this development. Israel is expected to conclude another compromise formula with the U.S. administration concerning the other council resolutions, rendering them void of any substance and inapplicable. In the light of these developments, the paper added, it would not look strange to the world if the Israelis and the Americans concluded another formula, paving the way for a respensated Israeli occupation of Arab lands.

A COLUMNIST in Sawt Al Shaab daily discussed the plight of the Iraqi people under the sanctions which are taking the lives of hundreds of thousands of women and children every year. Sameh I lanandeh said that shortages of drugs and lood have taken their toll among the civilian population while the U.S.-led aggression on the Iraqi nation continues unabated. The continued sanctions on Iraq provide evidence of the magnitude of the crime being committed by the American and Zionist alliance against the Arab Nation and against humanity at large, the writer noted. He said that while none of the U.N. resolutions concerning Palestine has been implemented, the Security Council, which is under constant U.S. influence, continues to impose the unjust senctions that have wasted innocent lives. The killing of women and children through starvation and deprivation of the basic needs of lives constitutes a shameful crime serving as a stigma in the history of mankind, the writer added. He said that the Arab countries, which hold the power to terminate the sanctions and rescue the endangered lives of the Iraqi people, ought to take the first step to about the U.S.-Zionist aggression on the Arab Nation.

Weekly Political Pulse

Commission on freedom, democracy and human rights — what is missing?

The country took another giant step in the direction of building on His Majesty King Hussein's proposal last year to establish a centre on freedom, democracy and human rights in the Arab World when His Majesty named the 20-member commission charged with the task of translating this ambitious idea into practice. Presumably, the first agenda item will be the enactment of a law on the establishment of such a centre on the basis of

which it will be structured and start functioning.

It is puzzling, however, that the ministries of Justice, Interior and Foreign Affairs were not included in the commission. After all, it is the Ministry of Justice that will have to spearhead the legislative effort aimed at filling in the gaps in existing Jordanian laws touching on these domains. The Ministry of Interior is the most concerned with the application of the process of democratisation in the Kingdom and there is no excuse to keep it out of the endeavours of the commission. As for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, it is the most acquainted with Jordan's treaty obligations in the realm of human rights. To exclude it from the works of the ssion is to deprive the commission of very valuable and pasic information on where the country stands on the various international human rights instruments.

Since the commission is established by a Royal decree, it is for all intents and purposes a governmental agency. The exclusion of basic ministries from its membership is untenable and needs to he

The time will also come when the composition of the board of trustees to govern the centre and articulate its regional policies will have to be expanded to comprise eminent personalities from other parts of the Arab World. As long as the scope of the centre is regional, it is just not possible to formulate guidelines on freedom, democracy and human rights on the basis of the experiences of Jordanian nationals alone, no matter how well they may be versed or interested in civil and political rights embracing contemporary norms and standards on human rights.

The international dimension is also woefully lacking in the composition of the national commission entrusted with the obligation of founding the suggested centre, physically and figuratively. Since Jordan and the Arab World cannot be expected to examine such important and pressing issues as freedom, democracy and human rights in isolation from the international scene, it would have been advisable to include people who are well-versed in the U.N. and other international organisations on human rights in order to make available the jurisprudence of several international bodies on human rights and related issues to the members of the commission.

Since there is also a fine line that separates human rights from humanitarian law, greater efforts should have been exerted to include people who are also aware of such humanitarian subjects in the context of the broader topic of democracy, freedom and human rights. Against this backdrop, one cannot think of a better or more capable personality to head the newly created commission than His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan who is not only well-acquainted with all the issues that the proposed centre will address but also fully cognisant of the many international dimensions of these subjects. In retrospect, the national commission created for this purpose should be renamed as the Royal Commission under the honourary chairmanship of Prince Hassan

and composed of people from other parts of the Arab World as well as people acquainted with the centre's international dimension. Otherwise, the entire exercise will remain provincial, drawing only on the unique national experiences gathered from the Jordanian scene.

It would be presumptuous to assume that any of the people who are manning the commission can speak for the issues of democracy and human rights in the entire Arab World. Many Arab states have their own special problems, interpretations and experiences Jordan can draw on as well for developing further the Jordanian democratic process. Clearly no Arab state has a monopoly on what is right and what is wrong when it comes to the quest for democracy and human rights. It would be prudent, therefore, to address this deficiency as soon as possible.

In due course, the Jordanian commission will have to establish bridges with other existing Arab committees dealing with human rights, whether on the national or regional basis. There are several such Arab institutions that have already made considerable headway in the promotion and protection of buman rights. In this vein, the existing Arab institutions are both governmental and non-governmental. A decision would also have to be made whether, in the final analysis, the Jordanian commission for the examination of freedom, democracy and human rights is going to function as a governmental organisation or as an NGO.

To be sure, there are other related issues that need to be ironed out in the future. The most constructive approach is to hold a regional conference on this subject before any additional steps are taken in this regard.

Coalition armies widen role in Somalia

By Christopher Burns The Associated Press

GAILALASSI. Somalia - The U.S. led military mission to halt role to include such tasks as rebuilding houses, digging wells
and creating police forces.

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia,
and creating police forces.

In Gailalessi, a town of Officials call it "mission

Italy's 187th Parachute Regiment came to Gailalassi in December on a mission to stop clan fighters and bandits from looting relief shipments intended for starving people.

This week they were laying

bricks and hammering tiles on the roofs of damaged houses. They already had rebuilt the hospital and fixed a well.

In Mogadishu, a 3,000-member police force is being set up by coalition forces to assume traffic control and monitor feeding cen-When you're on a mission.

you always want to move forward, not backward. You look for things to do," said Col. Fred Peck, the U.S. forces spokesman. But Col. Peck warned there have to be limits or the foreign troops might get "mired deeper"

The United States wants to pull most of its remaining 19,000 troops out as soon as possible and turn the mission over to a U.N. force. The Security Council is expected to debate approval of as "capitano biscotti" or captain

the new Somalia operation soon. cookie, because of his sweet Whoever agrees to carry on the handouts.

effort, reconstruction and social services will be key to keeping the lown said there was no resentpeace and keeping famine at bay.

Those measures are called for clan warfare and get aid to the needy has unofficially widened its in a U.N. study prepared for a March 9 donors' conference in

In Gailalassi, a town of 8,000 people, 160 kilometres north of the capital. Italian troops initially confiscated weapons and patrolled the area while the Save The Children relief agency handed

Col. Tiziano Nizzoli, the civilian liaison officer, said some Somalis were wounded in gunhattles with the troops, who suffered no casualties. When the threat decreased, the

Italians turned to non military projects such as fixing and rebuilding schools and hospitals. Col. Nizzoli is helping provide veterinary care for livestock,

organising trash collection and

even a mail service via Italy. About 60 Somalis work for him and get paid with food, He wants to persuade Italian businesses to return to Somalia, which Italy ruled as colony or protectorate for nearly 80 years until independence in 1960. Many

of the local Somalis speak Italian. "I don't need an interpreter. That makes it a lot easier to find out what they need," said Col. Nizzoli, known to town children

Somalis interviewed in the ment over Italian colonial rule. though some accused Italy of siding with Mohammad Siad Barre before the dictator fled the country in January 1991.

Ensuing clan warfare left Somalia devastated and faminestricken, leading to the allied intervention in December.

With more than 3,000 troops in Somalia, Italy has the secondlargest force in the multinational coalition after the United States. Aid officials said they were welcome in Gailalassi.

"They know this place, and because of the common language, no one was killed when the Italians took over the area," said Ali Haji Shriva, assistant director of Save The Children in Gailalassi. Gailalassi and the rest of the country still requires huge

amounts of aid. Dr. Vincenzo Oddo of SOS Cooperazione, an Italian relief instead of glass panes in the windows of one ward at the hos-

"We need chairs, tables and windows," he said. Italian patrols are still seizing weapons, and because of persistent banditry further north, the

army planned to move its base to

Bula Burd, 50 kilometres away.,

to tech transfer, investment encouraging investment and tech- inform officials of other countries By Rosalind Mandine Murphy

WASHINGTON — Developing countries can encourage foreign investment and the transfer of technology by establishing laws protecting intellectual and industrial property rights and strictly enforcing these laws, according to two U.S. experts.

Harold Wegner, director of the Intellectual Property Law Programme at George Washington University's Law Centre, and Timothy Trainer, a senior attorney with the U.S. Customs Service, discussed the protection of intellectual property rights during a Feb. 9 Worldnet "Symposium" television programme with participants in Amman, Beirut and

Asked about the transfer of technology from industrialised to to developing countries, Mr. Wegner said this transfer is whol-

dustrialised states "would like the technology is secure," Mr. Weg- he said. ner explained.

establishing effective patent laws criments to establish enforcement measures" of copyright and technology," he said. Once these laws are established, their strict noted. Customs Service repreenforcement is a necessary step to sentatives often travel abroad to ey.

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Intellectual property laws key

Educating the business community to the legal problems involved in copyright, patent and trademark infringement will also contribute to a bealthy investment environment, he added.

Mr. Wegner advised developing countries to join the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT), established by the United Nations World Intellectual Property Organisation. By doing so, the United Nations will handle the administration of patent granting procedures and allow developing countries to save on the cost of establishing their own patent offices, he said. Fifty-five countries are now members of the

In addition, developing countries can and should seek cooply dependent on providing effecteration from the three major tive protection of the technology, patent offices in the world, lo-While many companies in incated in Mnnich, Tokyo and Washington, D.C., Mr. Wegner businesses in the Middle East, patent office will be very pleased they must first "make sure their to cooperate with your country,"

The U.S. Customs Service To this end, issuing patents and "does work with the other gov-

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nology transfer, Mr. Wegner about U.S. customs laws and procedures, he said.

The U.S. Customs Service is presently "working closely with the Customs Cooperation Council in Brussels and talking with many countries" about developing an international computerised database to exchange information on trademarks and copyrights, Mr. Trainer noted.

Commenting on the future of international agreements on intellectual property rights, Mr. Wegner criticised the failure of agreement in the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) talks last year, saying it was "a very sad event." The failure of the talks will lead to a. 'more ad hoc and bilateral" approach to discussions and agreements on intellectual property rights, he said.

Mr. Trainer said that while the GATT talks failed to produce. agreement, the talks did provide basic groundwork in the future for intellectual property rights agreement.

"A lot of good things came out of the discussions," he said. "Even if there is no agreement," he added, the groundwork laid by the talks "can be applied to bilateral agreements.

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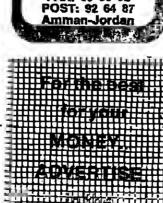
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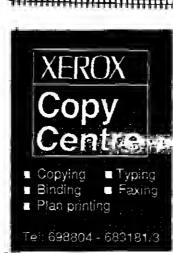


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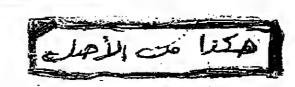






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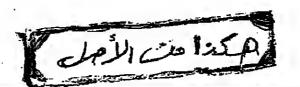
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King meets with committee on Amman centre

(Continued from page 1)

id our forefathers at the begin ing of this century when their ation faced a period of chalnge, ingranitude and oppresion. It is therefore imperative hat membership in the centre be pen to all free Arabs in the same ray that the honour of joining he Great Arab Revolt was availble to all free and noble Arabs spiring to the unity and glory of heir nation. Only this way will our centre be a haven sought by hose who believe in human ights, freedom and democracy round the globe, those who have affered the pain of incarceration and abuse, those who have paiently weathered indignity in their search for a world ennobled by freedom, justice and human

The defence of people's freedoms, bolstered by cooperation with Arab and international organisations of a similar bent, requires a strengthening of budding democratic practices in the Arab lands which may choose to adopt this approach. This is because the role of the centre is to instill the concept of freedom in those who suffer from oppression. It lies in exposing the evil of despotism and in inculcating patterns of thought based on a free, modern and rational discourse rooted in our nation's true traditions and in the most radiant manifestations of its benevolent message. It also lies in achieving a profound understanding of the contemporary world, and of the current change that requires comprehension of today's forces in order to expand the scope of freedom and progress worldwide, and in order to study the prerequisites for the achievement of balance between knowledge, power and wealth as

these changes are being made." "In order for poets to express themselves freely, in a secure environment unmarked by oppression or individual tyranoy an environment in which children can sleep in peace and comfort, without being terrorised by fear, subjugation, or a sense of siege — we must stand up to illiteracy, hunger, disease, fear, tyranny, plunder, alienation, religious and sectarian extremism. and any other form of assault on man's freedom, rights and digni-

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be the bridge that revives our links with the era of Al Hussein

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pursuits of writing and clear-

Director of the centre Najib Al Rashdan thanked the King on behalf of the founding committee for his confidence in them and "We are strengthened by our pledged to exert every sincere tradition of facing poverty with pride, our kins' injustices with effort to turn the centre into a beacon for right, freedom, democracy and human rights in the Arab World. fortitude, and ignorance with knowledge. The enlightened Jordanian vision and our commit-

versal presence."

our children's textbooks and in

the lecture-halls of our universi-

ties. Let it be protected by the

zeal of our soldiers. Let the

dream of freedom from oppres-

sion and the attainment of the

Arab individual's rights be a pre-

lude to future unity, or at least,

let it sustain the dream of unity in

our hearts from the agony of its

reinvenation, the struggles of its

intellectuals and the democracy

of its regions to declare its free-

dom, its unity and its great uni-

"While implementing the ment towards the Arabs have Royal Decree, we pledge to exert our utmost and sincere efforts to turn this centre into a beacon of brilliancee for legitimacy, free-dom, democracy and human rights in our Arab World, guided by your Majesty's wisdom and directives," Mr. Rashdan said.

He said the King had launched "the march of freedom, democracy and human rights in Jordan, by announcing the establishment of this centre to enable the march to succeed and to turn it into a daily way of life for individuals and communities.

"Experiences of the Arab World during this century and the challenges facing it, have shown that had Arab countries adopted freedom, democracy and recogniheaded awareness. Let it point tion of human rights as an out the dangers of oppression, approach, the objectives of the disarray, civil wars, plunder or Great Arab Revolt in freedom disarray, civil wars, plunder or national resources, absence of and unity would have been vision, narrow-mindedness and achieved and the barriers imimmorality. Let the torches of posed by the imperialist would freedom, fuelled by the light of have been removed long time our consciences, be enshrined in ago," Mr. Rashdan said.

Foreign minister under criticism

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the House with the names of be improper to reveal the names citizens who have received assist- of the fund's beneficiaries, but

ance from the National Aid ity can review them at the minis-Mr. Ekour, who had asked for the names in a letter he sent to

the minister, said he would request an official questioning of the minister ahead of withholding confidence from him if the list is not made available to the House within a week

In his response to the deputy. Mr. Mashaqbeh, who is recovering from surgery and did not attend the session, said it would

said any deputy or official author-

Minister of Labour Abdul Karim Al Kabariti responded on behalf of the social development minister and said he has a list of the names which he will provide to the House.

During its two-hour session, the House also endorsed the decision of its Administrative Committee to refer some citizens' complaints to the government.

Abu Jaber reports success of talks

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coordination is continuing and tactical one." he added. the next meeting would be held in fixed yet.

situation in Iraq but he denied said inter-Arab ties should be Amman was trying to mediate maintained on a strategic and not between Iraq and Arab countries a tactical basis.

"I simply believe that we can U.S. military actions against pave the way for building new relations based on mutual respect and legitimate interests regard-

Panama, Grenada and Libya. He denounced the bombing less of what had happened." raids ordered on Iraq last month Mr. Clark, who also had talks to enforce "no-fly zones" over northern and southern Iraq. A factory and hotel in Baghdad

Saddam urges dialogue with Clinton

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Exiles urge Arabs to reject U.N. move

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arrange for the return of all the ters should continue to strongly

with Deputy Prime Minister Tareo Aziz and Foreign Minister Mohammad Saced Al Sahaf during his visit to Baghdad, was not available to comment on his meeting with President Saddam.

Mr. Clark, a leading U.S. antiwar activist, served the Johnson administration as attorney general from 1967-68. He opposed the

evictees as soon as possible.

The Israeli proposal to take

back 101 and cut exile terms for

the rest was brokered by the

United States to head off an Arab

drive for U.N. sanctions against Israel and put back on track the

Middle East peace talks stalled by

insist all of the alleged Islamic

militants Israel forced into exile

on Dec. 17 must be allowed back

before they will return to the

will go back to negotiations (with

Israel) before the (expellees) can

He said the Arab foreign minis-

return," Dr. Rantisi said.

"I don't think Arab countries

But Palestinian negotiators still

the expulsions.

peace talks.

Rabin expects **Palestinians**

at talks

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visited Syria said Sunday that Damascus sees no link between the repatriation of evictees and the resumption of the peace talks. Sen. Arlen Specter, a Pennsylvania Republican, stopped in Egypt on the last leg of a Middle East tour that included visits to Syria, Jordan and Israel, Republican senators Hank Brown from

Colorado and James M. Jeffords from Vermont accompanied him. The senators held talks with President Hosni Mubarak on the

peace process The problem with the deportees is obviously a problem but even in Syria we were told that there is no linkage between the deportees and the peace talks,"

Mr. Specter told reporters. "The deportation issue has to be dealt with but I think the

Syrians are interested in moving ahead." he added.

Syria, like all Arab countries incolved in the peace process, has anisted that Israel return all the evictees before returning to the accordating table.

Main Omran, a Syrian assistunt secretary general of the Arab Lyngue, said Sunday that the Security Council compromise on the return of the evictees was not enough and Israel should take them all back as soon as possible.

think, to use the methods we to return Baghdad to the Arab possess to get this resolution fold.
(799) implemented." "We are not mediating because

Mr. Sharaa was asked by re- we were not asked to mediate. porters about the U.N. formula But it is natural that the situation but he made no comment.

fixed for a meeting of Palestinians said.

and Arab countries bordering
Israel — Jordan, Syria, Lebanon and the Iraqi tand is extremely and Egypt — Dr. Abu Jaber said: important for us. This is a

in Iraq concerns Jordan as it Asked whether any time was concerns Syria." Dr. Abu Jaber

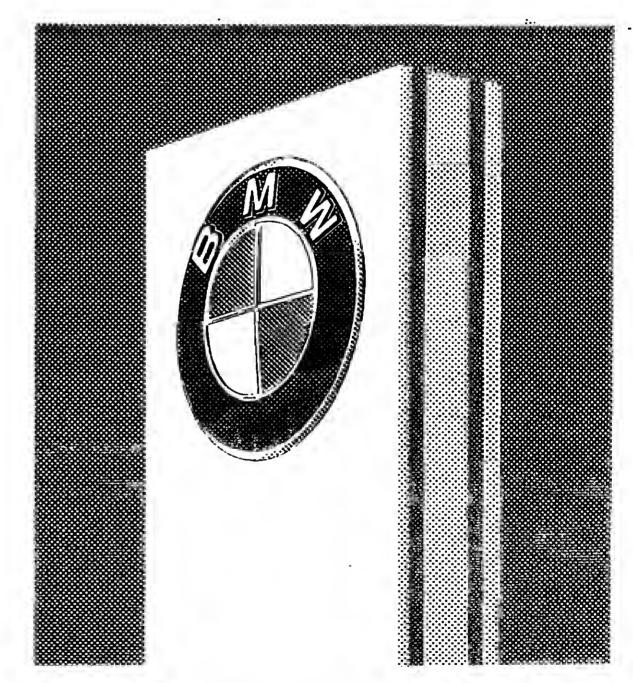
"We discussed this issue. Arab strategic and vital issue and not a President Assad was asked af-

Damascus. But no time has been ter talks with Egyptian President Hosni Minbarak in Damascus Dr. Abu Jaber said his talks. Tuesday about Iraq's attempts to with Syrian leaders covered the return to the Arab fold and he

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Militants attack Algerian schoolbus (Continued from page 1)

Four policemen died Saturday. year for violence. Six men, ingunned down in the Algiers subcluding two members of the milit-

ary, have now been put to death urb of Al Harrach less than 24 hours after the authorities in a month — the first such execution for decades. announced they had executed The gendarmerie said the chilfour fundamentalists. dren on the minibus attacked on Gendarmerie headquarters Saturday were being taken to a said soldiers Saturday killed three primary school from outside the fundamentalists near Bounouh

town of Reghaia, 40 kilometres Tizli, 48 kilometres south of the east of Algiers. capital. Another had been killed shortly before, it said in a state-"The driver...was seriously wounded by three terrorists armed with a submachinegun and two automatic pistols, it said several hours before announcing "The attack on Nezzar, the deaths on Saturday and now the that he had died. The attackers bus incident, plus the executions

fled in a car. Fundamentalists have been blamed for killing 41 civilians, including parents of security force members. But there have been no previous attacks directly involv-

ing children. Commenting on the attack on Nezzar, the newspaper Al security matters, said government members and other state officials were now living in a "protected

A diplomat commented: "The attempt to kill him seemed to show good intelligence about his movements, a fairly sophisticated operation, with an equally sophisticated bomb.

Israelis kill youth near Nablus

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A. Foreign Ministry spokesman meanwhile said Egypt rejects Israel's unjustified escalation of violence in the occupied territor-

He said the use by Israeli forces' of anti-tank rockets and explosives to destroy houses in Gaza represents a flagrant violation of the Geneva agreement and other international accords.

"Such practices constitute a genuine obstacle to peace," the spokesman, Nagi Al Ghatreify

The Arab League is scheduled to meet next Tuesday to consider the Israeli measures against the and Gaza.

Esmat Abdul Meguid, secret ary general of the 21-member roup, told reporters Saturday the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) requested the meeting after Israeli occupation forces cracked down barshly on Palestinians in recent weeks

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ion Front (FIS).

announced by the authorities.

show a growing hard line by both

sides," a Western diplomat said.

More than 250 members of the

security forces have died in

ambushes or clashes with fun-

damentalists since a state of

emergency was imposed in

February last year during political

The state of emergency, ex-tended indefinitely last week, was

decreed after violence erupted

when the army-backed author-

ties in January 1992 cancelled a

general election dominated by

the now-outlawed Islamic Salva-

Military courts have conde-

aned 48 men to death in the past

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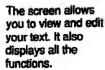
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Winners of the Women's Super Giant Slalom, Sylvia Eder of Austria (2nd place, left), Katja Seizinger of Germany (winner, center), and Astrid Loedemei of Norway (3rd place, right) raise their hands after the race at the Alpine World Ski Championships in Shizukuishi, Japan (AFP photo)



Faisali lose, but retain semifinal berth

By Aleen Bannayan Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Jordan's Al Faisali Sudnay lost 1-0 to Egypt's Al Ismaili in the final match of the first round at the 8th Arab Soccer League Champions' Tournament held in Oatar.

With this result, Al Faisali took second place in Group I and will meet Saudi Arabia's Al Shabab in the semifinals Tuesday. while Al Ismaili will play Qatar's Al Arabi. Unlike their first match at

the tournament, in which they scored a 7-2 win over the United Arab Emirates' Al Shabab club, Al Faisali played a dull and unimpressive match in which their opponents had a clear upperhand.

Both teams did not have any real chances throughout the first half as they were clearly overcautious. Al Faisali depended on long passes which were successfully intercepted by Al Ismaili's defence. The first half ended in a scoreless

Al Ismaili's strikers led more serious attacks and scored the match's only goal



Milad Abbasi

in the first minutes of the second half. Three minutes later Al Ismaili failed to capitalise on another easy chance which was blocked by Al Faisali's goalkeeper Milad Abbasi. On the other hand, Al

Ismaili's goalkeeper, Sa'fan Al Sagheer, was not tested much as Al Faisali's wellknown top scorers Jiryes Tadros, Jamal Abu Abed, and Subhi Suleiman had a disappointing performance.

Despite the loss, Al Faisali qualified for the semifinals alongside Al Ismali from Group 1, while Saudi Arabia's Al Shabab qualified from Group 2 after they beat Tunisia's Al Taraji 3-2. The fourth qualifying team Al Arabi, beat Palestine's Al Quds 4-0.

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Al Taraji Al Quds

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4 A J 10 9 The bidding: West North East 1 7 1 4 3 NT Pass Pass t NT Pass Pass

Opening lead: Seven of
Only players with a death wish
would consider playing to the first
trick before developing a strategy
for the cotire campaign. Here's a typical example, adapted from a hand that cropped up many years ago in a world championship match between Italy and the U.S.

Suppose you reach three no tremp oo a natural auction such as the above. West leads the seven of spades, you play low from dummy

win. Now what?

The sensible thing would be to knock out the diamond ace, refuse the club finesse and concede down one. You blew the contract by post-poning your planning until after you had played from dummy to the first trick! You can't make nine tricks without getting nne extra trick in clubs, and as soon as West gains the lead, a spade through the table's Q 10 gives the defenders more than enough tricks to defeat you. Now let's see what would happen

if you were to play the queen of spades from dummy on the opening lead. The best East can do is win the ace of spedes and shift to a club. Since a finesse could lead to defeat, you rise with the ace of clubs and lead the king of diamonds. If that halds, you can revert to clubs and are guaranteed oine tricks. Should East win the diamood, no return can

Is this a sure-trick line? No. You will go down to defeat if a diabolic East shifted to a club away from the king and West holds the ace of diamonds. But on any other lie of the cards at least nine tricks are in the

Seles and Navratilova in showdown final

ratilova has won the Virginia Slims of Chicago a dozen times, but she will have to get past world number one Monica Seles in the final if she wants to claim a lucky 13tb title.

The second-seeded Navratilova blew hot and cold in defeating Katerina Maleeva of Bulgaria 6-0 4-6 6-1, while Seles overwhelmed third-seeded Mary Joe Fernandez 6-3 6-0 in her semifinal Saturday in this \$375,000 tournament.

The finalists exchanged compliments ahead of their showdown. "With Monica," Navratilova said, "I just hope I can see the ball. I'll be at the net trying to see

her laser beam passing shots."
"She (Navratilova) loves this surface," Seles said about the defending champion. "It's made

Last year, Seles won three of four matches against Navratilova, losing only in the Los Angeles final. They most recently met in the season-ending championships in New York last November, with Seles prevailing in the final 7-5 6-3 6-1. Overall, Seles leads their series 9-6.

"The last match in New York, everybody said I got hlown out, that I was embarrassed," Navratilova said. "I just hope she doesn't play as well as that."

Navratilova needed just 18 minutes to win the first set against Maleeva, hut the 23-year-old

Bubka and

LIEVIN, France (R) - The

irrepressible Sergei Bubka and the irresistible Merlene Ottey

broke their own world records in

a sensational day of indoor athle-

tics Saturday. Ukrainian Buhka, throwing

aside all thoughts of tiredness after a 23-hour flight from Japan, set the 33rd world record of his

astounding career when he cleared 6.14 metres io the pole

vault, one centimetre higher than

Buhka was stung into action

when bis arch-rival Rodion

Gataullin of Russia threw down

the gauntlet with a six-metre

clearance. The Ukrainian replied

with 6.05 metres at the first

attempt and then 6.14 at the

second in the first meeting ever to

see two vaulters clear six metres.

Ottey, putting behind her a succession of disappointments at

major championships, ran her best race at the age of 32 as she

shattered her own women's in-

door record by 0.37 seconds. .

The Jamaican ran away on her

own, after. Russian rival Irina

Privalova pulled out of the meet-

woman under the 22-second bar-

Russian Lyudmila

Narozhilenko chose the occasion

to equal her own world record in

the women's 60 metres hardles

Canadian sprinter Bruny Surin

produced the second fastest 60-

metre indoor run ever in 6.45

seconds and Namibia's Frankie

Fredericks was within one-

hundredth of a second of the

men's 200 metres record with

Frenchman Bruno Marie-

metres record of 20.36 seconds

was set on the same Lievin track.

with a time of 7.69 seconds.

his previous mark.

CHICAGO (R) - Martina Nav- Bulgarian railied in the second. She broke Navratilova at love in the first game and at 30 in the seventh as she levelled the match.

Navratilova reasserted her dominance in the final set but afterwards said it hurt her to have had such an easy time at the start. "Sometime you don't want to win a set 6-0 Because you can

only get worse, you can't get any better," she said. "I didn't pick it up and she did." The bighlight of the Seles-Fernandez match came at the start as Fernandez held seven break opportunities in a marathon 15-minute opening game but could not cash in.

After that Seles wore down Fernandez, who committed 30 unforced errors and lost for the 15th time in 16 matches against the Yugoslav.

> Martin reaches Memphis final

Upset king Todd Martin made second-seeded Michael Chang his latest victim with a straight-set victory at the \$780,000 St. Jude International Saturday that lifted him into his first career final.

Martin, ranked 96, defeated Chang 7-6 6-4 to advance to Sunday's final and his biggest challenge yet - world number one Jim Courier, who defeated sixth-seeded Amos Mansdorf 7-6

Russian middle-distance run-

ner Lyubov Kremylova came

within a whisker of yet another

world record in the women's

1,000 metres, winning in two minotes 34.84 seconds. The re-

cord, set 15 years ago by German

Brigitte Kraus, is a hand-timed

Bubka's phenomenal perform-

outdoor. He set eight world re-cords in 1991 and four last year

and his first of 1993 was the sixth

Apart from the satisfaction of

beating Gataullin, a rival who

could hardly be described as a friend, Buhka had the consider-

able pleasure of beating Olympie

champion Maxim Tarasov of

Buhka had a rare failure at last

year's Barcelona Games when he

In a day of premiers, it was the

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times at the same meeting.

he had set in France.

ing with a fever, to clock 21.87 ance took bis tally to 17 world seconds and become the first indoor records to add to his 16

Rose's six-year-old world 200 . first :time that the six-metre

yes, sir, mr.principal

MY TEACHER SENT US

Prior to this week, Martin had

never beaten anyone ranked in the top 10. Here he ousted world number seven Chang and eighthranked Andre Agassi in successive days. In the second round he climinated I2th-seeded fellow-American David Wheaton.

'I've waited 22 years for it," Martin said of this dream week. "It feels great. It's definitely my best stretch of tennis."

Courier, who last month repeated as Australian Open champion, survived another spirited challenge in beating Mansdorf on his way to the final.

It was the third successive three-set win for Courier, who survived a match point in both his third-round match against Brett Steven of New Zealand and his quarter-final against fellow-American Jonathan Stark.

Martin, who towers over Chang physically, overpowred the favourite bolstered by his new-found confidence.

I played a little bit too tentative the whole match," said Chang. "He was able to get a lot of good first serves in and was not letting up a lot on his second

> Becker swings into Milan final

Boris Becker blasted his way

Ottey, who collected a double

by winning the 60 metres in 7.01 seconds, was overjoyed by her triumpb. "I didn't think I was on

such good form," she said. "I can

hardly believe it. I haven't run

anything like this fat for two

The Jamaican, sensing the 200 metres record was on, glanced up

at the electronic scoreboard as

she came oot of the last bend and

She left Mary Onvali of Nigeria

Charles of France almost two-

Narozhilenko equalled the re-cord she set herself three years

ago and Sprin was four-

hundredths outside American

Andre Cason's 60-metre record

of 6.4I seconds clocked last year.

Christie to retire after

'sorting out Lewis'

Linford Christie said Sunday he

Olympic 100 metres champion

TWENTY OUT OF

TWENTY...NO, SIR,

for the line.

seconds behind.

Indoor Teonis Tournament when he overwhelmed unseeded Australian Wally Masur Saturday. Second seed Becker served 15

into the final of the Milan Men's

aces as he muscled past masur 6-4 7-6 in 11/2 hours to set up a final against unseeded Spaniard Sergi Bruguera who beat Czech third seed Petr Korda 6-4 0-6 7-5 in the first semifinal.

Masur reached deuce only once on Becker's serve and won just I1 points in the German's I1 service ames. The match was appropriately wrapped up when Becker served three aces in the tie-break.

"I got 67 per cent of my first serves in and that makes me happy because anything over 60 per cent for me is unusual. Masur, ranked 37 places below

Becker at 41 in the world, was fighting out of his division in more ways than one. The tale of the tape - his I.80 metres and 76 kg to Becker's 1.92 metres and 85 kg -- showed itself

clearly in their respective service

The Australian's first serve was timed at an average of 165 kph, about 25 kph slower than the average Becker missile.

Becker, not content with his excellent form, went straight to the practice courts after the match to tune his game for the

Ottey break own world records would retire from athletics next year after he had "sorted out Carl Lewis once and for all."

Christie, who won both the 100 and 200 metres races at the Australian Sugar Games with consumate ease, said he was ready to race American Lewis, the man he. dethroned as Olympic sprint

The 32-year-old Briton, who became the oldest Olympic 100 metres champion when he won in Barcelona last year in Lewis's absence, said he was not planningto defend his title in Atlanta in 1996. "I still want to sort out Lewis

once and for all. That's my aim for this year. Next year is my last year and that's that.

"I know in myself I can beat him and I'll race him anywhere, anytime," Christie said. Christie finished second to

Lewis in the 1988 Seoul Olympics after Canadian Ben Johnson was disqualified, but did not face him in Barcelona because the American failed to qualify. No date has been set for the

two Olympic champions to meet, but they will almost certainly race at least once this season at the World Championships in Stuttput her head down as she surged gart in August whre Lewis will attempt to defend his crown and trailing by more than a second with third-placed Valerie Jean-Christie to win the one major title that has eluded him. Christie, who has been training

> weeks, appeared to run within himself in winning Sunday's 100 metres in a time of 10.35 seconds from Australian Steve Brimacombe, second in 10.55 Christie, who went on to win

in Australia for the past six

the 200 metres by more than half a second in 20. 74, said he had felt nervous racing again.
"I didn't know if I still had the

determination to go on with racing and winning," he said.

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FORECAST FOR MONDAY FEBRUARY 15, 1993 By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Foundation

GENERAL TENDENCIES: This day can start off with a bang, and you may have to hoof it early morning, but the evening shows much promise as one of quiet. Introspection can indeed assist

ARTES: (March 21 to April 19) The morning brings you many new ideas and plans of action that can be helpful to you in the future; tonight finds you able to reduce these to workable, practical suc-

You have suggestions from a confidential advisor on how best to gain a well rounded life; tonight do those things required. TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20) those things required of you for this purpose.

GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21)
Many ideas course through your
consciousness on how to gain a
personal desire while later you find you need to probe how to make such a reality.

MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 21) Start the day at vocational duties in the outside world or with the public but later you can put and gain your own intimate longings. LEO: (July 22 to August 21) Be alert to all kinds of interesting new activities that can catapault you forward while later you would be wise to attent to credit, civic condi-

VIRGO: (August 22 to September 22) This is the moment for you to

get into whatever accounts etc. awaiting your attention, get them in back of you; then look out for new activities you like.

LIBRA: (September 23 to October 22) Bring into the open now your plans for cooperative matters in the future; after which you can convince partners how to handle

specific details. SCORPIO: (October 23 to November 21) Pitch into and tasks facing you early in the day with enthusiasm and you get quick, good results while later you see new activities to engage in.

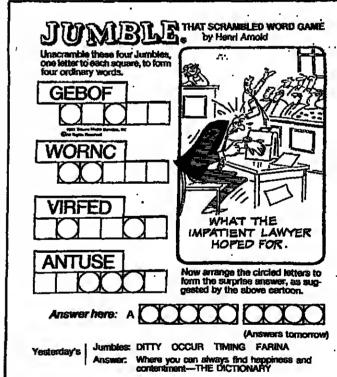
SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 10 December 21) Get busy to quickly obtain some benefit your attach-ment expects you to make special efforts to gain; then back an associate in that persons ideas.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 to January 20) Concentrate as much attention as possible in the moming on home problems eventhough in the outside world while later you can put across a practical talent. AQUARTUS: (January 21 to February 19) A morning when you see all sorts of means by which you can increase your productivity but tonight do what will add to your happiness at home.

PISCES: (February 20 to March 20) You now can see smart ways to have more of this worlds goods so start action in such a direction: tonight brings a chance to get out statements and reports.



enjoy! A ballet where the dancers tackle each other!"



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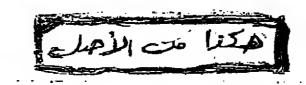
Jamaican Merlene Ottey waves to the crowd at the Lievin Indoor

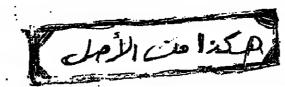
Stadium after breaking her 200 metres world record (AFP photo)

Mutt'n'Jeff









Yemen issues new 50 riyals banknote

ADEN, Yemen (R) - Yemen's central bank said it would start circulating a new banknote Monday, the first to carry the name of the Republic of Yemen formed by the union of north and south Yemen

A bank statement Sunday said the new note would have a enomination of 50 riyals (just over \$1 on the free market).
Old northern riyal and southern dinar notes will gradually he withdrawn from circulation

Banking sources said the government was printing other notes depominated in 10, 20, 100, 500 and 1,000 rivals, but it was not clear when they would be issued.

Japan wants dollar to remain healthy

TOKYO (R) — Japanese Finance Minister Yoshiro Hayashi said Sanday he had told U.S. President Bill Clinton in Washington that the dollar must not plunge because it is a key global currency.

Speaking at a news conference, Mr. Hayashi noted that in theory. a sharp decline in the dollar's value could undermine the stable world economy and cause inflation in the United States

Mr. Hayashi said Mr. Clinton told him that sound U.S. and Japanese economies should have a good impact globally and called for closer bilateral ties.

Mr. Hayashi had just returned from Washington where he met Mr. Clinton and U.S. Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen to discuss bilateral and global econo-

Mr. Hayashi said he believed it was mutually understood that the U.S. and Japan are opposed to manipulating currencies.

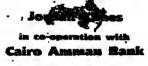
Asked if the Japanese finance ninistry would let the currency market decide on dollar/yen rates. Mr. Havashi said: "We have no choice but to monitor the moves for the moment."

He also noted the dollar's recent plunge against the yen was not disorderly. Mr. Hayashi said he and Mr. Bentsen agreed when they met

economic fundamentals and move in a stable manner. U.S. and Japanese economic fundamentals are stable. Mr. Havashi said.

Friday currencies must reflect

Financial Markets



Foreign Exchange Market Summary.

(February 8-February 12, 1993) AMMAN - The issue of trade balances between Japan and the rest of

the G-7 countries, particularly with the U.S. was the overwhelming concern among market participants throughout last week. The Japanese currency thus rallied significantly on talk of G-7 resolve to press Japanese of a stronger yen. The Japanese unit thus finished the week three per cent higher against the dollar and mark. The dollar, on the other hand, was hardly changed against the mark and most European currencies, but was 1.7 per cent higher against sterling.

Monday was featureless as the dollar eased against the mark and yen in trading dominated by technical considerations. the G-7 countries, particularly with the U.S. was the overwhelming

in trading dominated by technical considerations. The yen surged Tuesday, on fears that the leading Western countries, mainly the U.S., were about to increase pressure on Japan to reduce its trade surples, by pushing its currency higher. Observers and analysts commented that dealers were mainly basing their expectations on the belief that the Cinton Administration will take a firmer and more

"confrontational" stand on trade issues. Various statements from Japanese officials, including their finance minister, also confirmed these Hence while the yen continued to appreciate during the following days, it slowed down by the end of the week, ending it below the inter-day highs it had seen. Analysts explained that it became clear to market perticipants that there was more than one scenario involved. On the one hand, it was thought that the Japanese government is unlikely to agree to push the yen by the full extent that the U.S. was calling for, which was 15-20 per cent higher, as it conflicts with the current

Japan. Even from the U.S. stand, a higher yen might only cause imported inflation without discouraging consumer demand for Japanese products. Observers thus do not rule out the possibility of a yea appreciation to 118 yen to the dollar in the short term, but the longer term outlook

The British pound continued to decline, on the other hand closing at 2.3495 marks Thursday, its lowest levels yet. It rebounded slightly Friday, on comments from the governor of the Bank of England that the U.K. might tighten its monetary policy, and that there was no room for more rate cuts in the short term. The move was significant in that in challenged the market's previous assumption about British policy.

While the dollar traded in a tight range against the mark throughout the week expression assumption about British policy.

the week, economic reports released confirmed that the outlook for the U.S. economy and interest rates was very encouraging, and was markedly in contrast with that of Germany and the rest of Europe.

Corrency :	5/2/1993 Close	12/2/1993 Close	Percent Change	
Sterling Pound	1.4445	1.4205	11.66)\$	
Deutsche Mark	1.6603	1.6604		
Swiss Franc	1,5325	1.5345	(0.13)8	
French Franc	5.6125	5.6165	(0.07)\$	
Japanese Yen	124-40	120.68	3.08 \$	

	5/2/1	993	12/2/1	993
Currency	I-Month/%)	L-Year (%)	(%)	1-Year (%)
U.S. Dollar	3.00	3.56	3.06	3.62
Sterling Pound	6.19	5.50	6.13	5.63
Deutsche Mark	8.31	7.12	8.50	7.18
Swiss Franc	5.22	4.90	5.50	5.02 .
French Franc	11.37	9.25	11.87	9.50
Japanese Yen	3.18	3.25	3.18	3.21

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U.S. Dollar	.6920	.6940
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Deutsche Mark	_4171	.4192
Swiss Franc	.4497	.4519
French Franc	.1233	.1239
Japanese Yen*	.5723	. 5752
Dutch Guilder	.3705	.3724
Swedish Krona	.0924	.0929
Italien Lira*	0448	.0450
Belgian Franc	.02022	.02032

Arabsat reports \$12m profit

lite Communications Organisation (Arabsat) said Sunday it made a profit of \$12 million in 1992, the same as the previous

Arabsat officials told Renters the company, an offshoot of the 21-member Arab League, had a 1992 surplus revenue of \$12 million. "The same profit was made in 1991," one said. Arabsat is holding a six-day conference in Dubni which

opened Saturday. Local press reports earlier quoted Arabsat Board Chairman Faisal Ahmad Zaidan as telling the opening session the profits would be used to help finance

"the second generation of satel-Mr. Zaidan said the meetin would discuss the details of a \$258 million contract awarded in Octo-ber to the U.S. Hughes Aircraft Co. to build two communications

satellites for Arabsat. The first of

the two HS 601 spacecraft is

scheduled for launch in 1995. Mr. Zaidan said Arabsat had overcome teething difficulties in its early years. Operating revenue from a satellite it launched last year was \$30 million, he added.

He said demand was so high for Arabsat channels that the firm was making arrangements to buy a used satellite for temporary use until the launch of the second generation satellite being built by Hughes.

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Saudi central bank steps in to control share offerings

(SAMA) has asked banks to reduce loans to would-he investors in an effort to control demand for new share offerings, bankers said

"SAMA's action was aimed at discouraging investors from borrowing money to speculate in the Sandi stock market" one banker said by telephone from Rivadh. Bankers said SAMA, the king-dom's de facto central bank, had approached banks Snturday asking them to lend not more than half the total of any sum

extended to a customer wishing to invest in a share offering. "Banks have been asked not to extend credits more than 50 per cent of total finances extended to Saudi investors wisbing to buy shares offered to the public," a spokesman at Bank A! Jazira said by telephone from Jeddah.

Banks bave previously lent np to 98 per cent of total finances requested by investors to buy new

MANAMA (R) — The Saudi shares, putting billions of dollars aimed at boosting the bank's Arabian Monetary Agency into share offerings, one banker paid-up capital 150 per cent to

"The investor only pays between 2-5 per cent margin and can buy as many shares as he rishes," he said.

Share orices in the Saudi market, which operates by computer and telephone, have more than doubled since the end of the Gulf war two years ago but drifted back late last year after Saudi banks and firms flooded the market with new offerings.

Bankers said the SAMA move also aimed at stopping investors using other names to get more shares in the allocation proces

Saudi British Bank (SBB) Saturday offered 1.2 million shares to the public and 800,000 shares to its foreign partner HSBC Holdings PLC, the parent of Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corp., to maintain its 40 per cent stake.

The flotation, worth 1.14 billion riyals (\$304 million), was

one billion rivals (\$267 million). The new shares were priced at 570 riyals (\$152) each.

SBB officials were not available to comment but other bankers said the move would not affect its shares because the kingdom had enough spare cash to cover the offer.

The official Saudi share index fell slightly to 193.79 points last week from 195.05 points the previous week, SAMA said.

Figures released by SAMA, carried by the Saudi Press Ageney Sunday, showed trading volume in the five-day week which ended last Wednesday climbed to 674,044 shares from 588.097 shares the previous

The value of shares traded in the exchange rose 19.3 per cent to 247.9 million riyals (\$66 million) from 207.8 million (\$55.4 mil-

Bentsen says Clinton's economic plan is a call to all Americans

WASHINGTON (R) — U.S. this country moving again, and to Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen said Saturday that President Bill Clinton; in a financial package to he unveiled this week. would call on all Americans to help turn the economy around, What the president said is that

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On Wednesday, Mr. Clinton

everyone is going to be expected to make their contributions to get

(CNN's) Newsmaker Saturday turn this thing around," Mr. Bentsen said in an interview with the CBS Television Network.

plans to unveil an economic plan before a joint session of Congress in which he will seek to reverse the "trickle-down policies of the 1980s" and create jobs. Mr. Clinton, who was meeting

on the weekend with his economic advisers to work out specifics of the programme, said in a radio broadcast Saturday that he would propose tax hikes on rich individuals and companies, and take on "special interests" who see the tax code as n game.

Mr. Bentsen said the pivotal plan reflected the administration's determination to work for "change, change in the process, and change in the objectives. (Clinton) is totally committed to getting this deficit down." He said the continued decrease

in interest rates reflected confidence in the administration's stated economie goals. "When you see 30-year mortgages at a 20-year low, you can

understand that the market is reacting to that," he said, Mr. Bentsen confirmed that Mr. Clinton's economic package would include a surtax on mil-lionaires and said, without providing specific figures, that the

income tax rate on Americans

making more than \$200,000 year would he raised.
"That's going to go up, there's
no question about that... they're the ones who have done the best economically during the '80s, whereas middle income has taken

a hit," he pointed out. He said no final decision had been made on whether taxes would be raised on social security benefits and added that an energy tax was an option still being considered.

Such a tax, which would hit the pocketbooks of Americans across the board, was hinted at last week by administration officials.

Programme whether Mr. Clin-ton's package would include some form of energy tax, said: You will have to stay tuned."

Deputy Treasury Secretary Ro-ger Altman, speaking earlier on CNN, said the Clinton package would affect wealthy Americans but that sacrifices by the middle class would he "negligible,"

"I would think the role that the middle class will play compared to upper-income taxpayers will be extremely small," Mr. Altman

Republicans have assaulted Mr. Clinton's plans to change the income tax structure as an attack on the middle class. Mr. Altman said that for a family earning \$60,000, spending changes and tax increases would not cause economic deprivation. In his nationwide radio broad-

build an America where even the most privileged pay their fair "Fairness" was the mantra on

cast, Mr. Clinton said: "We will

the lips not only of Mr. Clinton, but also of his top advisers and democratic lawmakers. "We are not going to do any-thing that is unfair in its impact on the American people," said

Mr. Gore. "I think the programme is going to be fair. I think it is going sive, in terms of people who can

afford to pay more," said Mr. Mr. Gore said middle-class and low-income families with children could expect some tax relief.

And Mr. Altman said businesses could expect tax credits for capital investments.

But image-making was the order of the day. In his radio address, Mr. Clinton returned to his campaign theme of creating n fundamental change in the way America does business.

"If we don't change, the American bying standards of our broad Vice President Al Gore, asked middle class will continue to de-on the Cable News Network's cline," he said.

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Kuwait plans spending cut to tackle deficit

government plans to cut spending would not help, he said. by 10 per cent in the 1993/94 fiscal "To deal with the deficit related costs.

Abdulla Al Rodhan said the cabinet had approved the outline budget. To do that, we are purof a budget putting spending at suing two main courses. The one between 3.5 billion and 3.7 billion is to improve oil income... and dinars (\$>11.5 billion and (\$12.2 the other is to reduce spending to billion) and income at about 2.8 a minimum without affecting the billion dinars (\$9.2 billion).

That compares with spending He added: "Rebalancing the of four billion dinars (\$13.2 bil-budget does not really happen by tion), income of two billion dinars raising incomes and raising oil (\$6.6 billion), and a two billion production, which has limits and dinar deficit in the 1992/93 (is) a wall you cannot exceed. We

occupation, the government ran a ise it, so enabling us to use each deficit of 5.33 billion dinars and every dinar being spent." (\$17.5 billion), largely because of compensation for Kuwaiti

Sheikh Rodhan's remarks in an interview with Al Qabas newspaper published Sunday were the first indication the government has acted on opposition and parliamentary calls for beltightening in the fiscal year from

Sheikh Rodhan said the government expected the 1991/94 budget deficit would he about one billion dinars (\$3.3 billion).

how it would be financed but said same time members are under

KUWAIT (R) - The Kuwaiti Simply pumping more oil

year to further reduce a budget through increasing oil produc-deficit swollen by Gulf war-tion... does not achieve the goals

elated costs.

Finance Minister Nasser saying.

Podhan said the "We are trying to balance the that we are purstandard of different services."

wish to increase income. At the In 1991/92, the first full fiscal same time we must be keen to year after the end of the Iraqi reduce expenditure and rational-

the costs of reconstruction and which areas of spending would he cut but he said many services were heavily subsidised by the government and mentioned electricity and health care as exam-

Parliament, which began sitting last October for the first time in six years, has yet to debate the 1992/93 budget. Mr. Rodban

gave no indication as to whenparliament would discuss either the 1992/93 or 1993/94 budgets. Parliament wants the govern-He gave no clear indication of ment to cut the deficit but at the

cutting government expenditure pressure from their constituents and maximising oil sector re- to ensure government jobs for all venue could help balance the Kuwaities and generous handouts budget.

Kuwaities and generous handouts for anyone with a grievance.

Armenia could run out of precious wheat soon

YEREVAN (AP) - Armenia covered streets, resting every few could run out of badly needed yards to allow their underblockade that is part of the five- bome. year long war with Azerbaijan, ay Armenian and U.S. officials. Shortages of fuel and other

Electricity is off throughout Yerevan, and there is little traf- has lost 5 kilogrammes over the

wheat this month, deepening the nourished bodies to gather crisis caused by an economic enough energy to carry the fuel "The diet has been reduced

basically to bread and potatoes, said Gassia Apkarian, head of the basic commodities have forced Yerevan office of the Armenian Armenia's 3.7 million people to Assembly of America, which is close down virtually all of their helping coordinate an international aid effort. The average elderly Armenian

fic. Most shops are closed and past three months, and autopsy residents spend their days gather- reports show that the fat layer on ing food and fuel to heat their the average corpse has dropped It is common to see small ches) to 2-3 centimetres (0.0 to children using twine to pull bun- 1.2 inches) over the past year, dies of sticks through the snow- Ms. Apkarian said.

Canada's Bronfman empire to shed 37% stake in Labatt

TORONTO (R) - Canada's group in a week. troubled Bronfman empire has

second major asset sale for the ments at home and noroad.

agreed to shed its 37 per cent The Bronfman family has been stake in brewing giant John the latest Canadian investor to Labatt Ltd. for 993 million Cana- face a growing cash crisis largely dian dollars (\$775 million), the because of sour real estate invest-

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Convoy leaves for eastern Bosnia | Moscow edges away from West

SARAJEVO (Agencies) — A convoy carrying food and medicine headed Sunday to a desperate and isolated eastern Bosnian town. Saraicvo continued to boycott aid to protest the east's

plight.
U.N. officials, facing mounting hostility from residents and city leaders in Sarajevo, said they hoped to begin medical evacuations from the besieged city soon.

Distribution centres in the capital remained quiet on the third day of what city authorities say is a hunger strike in solidarity with thousands of people trapped for months in eastern Bosnia by Serb sieges.

The city council, backed by the Muslim led government, announced Friday it would stop distributing the food aid that has kept Sarajevo residents alive during a 10 month siege. The council said it would resume distribution only after convoys reach Slavic Muslims and others in eastern Bosnia.

Fighting and Serbs - sometimes soldiers, sometimes unarmed civilians — have blocked U.N. convoys from reaching several towns in eastern Bosnia for months.

Early Sunday, trucks loaded with food and medicine left the Yugoslav capital, Belgrade, for Cerska, isolated since the war

began last spring.
The U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees office in Belgradesaid the convoy had reached the Serb held eastern Bosnian town of Zvernik and was headed for Cerska.

Bosnian government radio said Saturday that 166 people have starved recently in Cerska. But government reports of mass starvation have been disputed by U.N. officials in the past.

Serb fighters recently allowed some 6,000 Muslims to flee the Cerska area for nearby Muslim held Tuzla, where relief agencies said many arrived in terrible con-

dition, with disease and frostbite. Tuzia, 80 kilometres north of Sarajevo, declared Saturday it

De Klerk:

No fixed

with ANC

agreement

LONDON (R) -- South African

President F.W. De Klerk said

Sunday his government had not

entered into a fixed agreement

with the African National Con

gress (ANC) on power-sharing.

television interviewer any final

agreement on a new constitution

must wait for mul: party talks.

adding it was essential the In-

katha Freedom Party played a

role in the negotiating process to avoid a break-up of the republic.

days of fundamental discussion

with Inkatha next week. I think

Inkatha must be brought into the negotiating process. I think it's fundamental."

"Otherwise we might be look-ing for trouble in South Africa.

We don't want to go the Yugosla-

On Friday the government and

the ANC appeared to have

reached agreement to defer

majority rule until 1999, five

years after elections late this year

or early in 1994 for an interim

Inkatha leader Mangosuthu

Buthelezi warned Saturday of

possible bloodshed if the South

African government and the ANC tried to impose their consti-

turional plans for the country's

the interview to remove the idea

Mr. De Klerk was at pains in

"We are not making deals in

our bilateral discussions at the moment." he told Sir David Frost. "The interpretation that

we have entered into fixed agree-

must be reached at a multi-party

conference representative of all

parties in the country. The focus

is now on getting multi-party

Mr. De Klerk said there was a

convergence of views in the re-

public about the principle of de-

volution of "meaningful" power

to regional governments. "By

that time (the election) at least

the borders of the regions must

be in place," Mr. Dc Klerk said.

sensus ... regions must also elect

regional representatives who will

play a major role in the

He said there was no agree-

ment yet about what percentage

of the election vote parties must

win before they could become

part of a government of national

"A form of proportionality

might be part of the final solu-

Mr. De Klerk said he did not

want his successor as president to

have as much power as he had,

and raised the possibility of a

rotating chairmanship of the

tion." he said.

constitution,-writing process."

"It is part of the growing con-

negotiations going again."

We believe final agreement

ments is wrong."

future on the Zulu people.

of a government/ANC deal.

government of national unity.

We are going to have a few

Mr. De Klerk told a British

would join the capital's fast and refuse more aid until those trap-

ped by fighting are fed. UNHCR envoy Jose-Maria Mendiluce headed to the Serb stronghold of Pale, just east of Sarajevo, for talks about getting more convoys to eastern Bosnia, said Karin Landgren, a Swede taking over UNHCR's Sarajevo operations.

Ms. Landgren said there are 2,300 tonnes of food and medical supplies in warehouses in Sarajevo and at the airport.
"The warehouses are 65 per

cent full," she said. U.N. officials have said stockpiled food may

Ms. Landgren reported plans for medical evacuations from the city, where some wounded have waited for months without proper treatment or artificial limbs.

"A doctor is coming in next week to review who needs to go. and get it started," she said. Meanwhile, Bosnian President Ahja Izetbegovic has warned his

troops to stay out of politics. "It would be the greatest tragedy if soldiers came to pow-er," he told Sarajevo Television

Saturday night. Kemal Muftic, an adviser to Mr. Izetbegovic, said the president was responding to complaints from some members of Bosnia's forces that the government was not doing enough to provide them with arms and ammunition in their fight against

Mr. Muftic said there was no threat of a coup against Mr.

Izetbegovic. The president, asked by an interviewer whether the army was changing its political attitudes. said troops should stick to the task of ending the siege of Sarajevo and resisting Serbs in other parts of Bosnia.

The more a soldier is politician, the less be is a soldier," Mr. Izethegovic said.

He said his government would continue to take account of the views of ordinary soldiers because they were "the same thing



A boy warms his hand and tries to heat some food on a rubbish fire at a Sarajevo market after the city rejected all aid until relief convoys get through to eastern Bosnia-Herzegovina (AFP photo)

as the armed people." allowed the military to impose its views and Bosnia would remain

democratic, he said. In Vatican City. Pope John Paul II appealed again Sunday for peace in Bosnia-Herzegovina, asking political leaders there to make every effort to end the violence and allow humanitarian aid to reach the needy.

The Pontiff told about 10,000 people gathered in St. Peter's square that the situation in the Balkans "becomes more tragic and cruel every day, "I invite yet again all the be-

lievers to ask God with me to give But the government had never the gift of peace to the tortured population of Bosnia-Herzegovina and to guide the consciences of those who govern to make every effort to end the violence and permit bumanitarian aid to reach its destination."

In a separate development Croatian radio said Sunday that Serb forces in the rebel Krajina enclave shelled targets around the Adriauc port of Zadar over-

The area of Novigrad, Kasic and Maslenica was hit but there was no immediate word of casual-

MOSCOW (R) - Moscow is edging away from its Honeymoon with the powerful democracies of the West, nurturing instead the hopes of regaining superpower status which Russia itself bas rejected since the collapse of the Soviet Union.

Senior Russian officials have taken to making speeches with harsh criticism of the West. A new blueprint of Russia's foreign policy priorities names currying favour with the West as one of the main policy weaknesses of the recent past.

"We have been suffering from over-excitement with the abstract ideas of non-conflicting globalism," says the document, presented, to parliament late last

"The time has come to take care of our national interests by using economic, diplomatic. military and other means."

The policy document represented a sharp change of outlook by the Foreign Ministry which

Widely considered one of the most powerful bulwarks of liberalism in a fierce political power struggle with conservatives inside Russia, the Foreign Ministry has come under right-wing fire for its overtures to the West.

Last year Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev shocked a Euro-

VILNIUS, Lithuania (R) -

Lithnanians trooped through

thick snow to vote Sunday in a

presidential contest which former

Communist Algirdas Brazauskas

is tipped to win against bis emigre

An opinion poll on the eve of

the election showed Mr. Brazaus-

kas, who advocates closer ties

with Moscow to ease the coun-

try's growing economic crisis,

winning 54 per cent. His rival Stasys Lozoraitis, an

emigre who became Lithuania's

ambassador to Washington,

appeared to be backed by about a

third of the electorate.

Turnout in Lithuania's first

direct presidential elections is ex-

pected to be high, with the latest

opinion polls forecasting about 85

per cent of the electorate will

Despite damp weather, hun-dreds of people in Vilnius walked

through the morning darkness to

cast their vote as soon as polling

stations opened at 7 a.m. (0500

For most voters, the key issue

is the economy. Lithuania's en-

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me's objectives.

Ten Europeaus countries, along with Canada and Japan, are

participating in the space station

Freedom project for an orbiting

space laboratory. Current esti-

mates are that it will cost between \$30 billion and \$40 billion to build and \$100 billion to maintain over

its proposed 30-year life in space.

programme is steadily increasing

cost overruns, mismanagement.

especially at one of the centres," Mr. Gore said in a television

He stressed that there was no

intention to alter the program-

Rumours had circulated that

"What you've had here in this

Stockholm by saying Moscow could use military force and economic pressure to reassert Russian domination in the former Soviet Union.

Minutes later he said his speech was just a scare tactic designed to show what could happen if conservative opposition took over in Moscow.

But the draft foreign policy plan, designed on the same lines as the speech, does not seem part of a game.

'The creation of Russia's geopolitical environment is under way, with the outcome depending on our ability to reinstate international law and good neighbourliness through persuasion and in exceptional cases through the use of force," it says.

The Foreign Ministry echoed opposition claims, which it used to reject out of hand, that Russia should remain a dominant power in the former Soviet Union as well as in Eastern Europe.

We cannot rule out the possi bility of attempts by the United States to replace Russia in the zone of its traditional influence under the cover of mediatory or peacekeeping missions," says the

"Russia will oppose any attempts by third parties to build up a military and political pre- today."

Lithuanians vote in presidential poll

pean security conference in sence in border countries...we also cannot allow the West to push Russia out of the East Eurpean region," it adds.

"There are few countries in the West which are interested in making Russia strong and nuited," Prime Minister Viktor ited," Chemomyrdin told a meeting of local government leaders, shown by Russian Television Saturday.

On the same day Security Minister Viktor Barannikov accused Western secret services of cultivating a mafia trade in arms and narcotics to undermine Rus-

In a speech recalling declara-tions by Soviet officials before the failed hardline coup of 1991, he said Western intelligence agencies were belping Russian organised crime to forge links with international criminal organisa-

Presenting the new foreign policy guidelines in parliament Friday, Mr. Kozyrev, a co-author of Moscow's pro-Western policy, hinted at the increasing influence on President Boris Yeltsin by Russia's arch-conservative nationalist opposition.

Answering a deputy, who in-quired wbether his ministry was working under serious conservative pressure, he said: "In fact I don't know who is in opposition

Party won parliamentary elec-

tions in November, advocates a

more cautious approach to re-

form than the man who led

Lithuania to independence in 1991, Vytautas Landsbergis.
Mr. Landsbergis, his camp shaker by the November defeat.

chose not to run in the presiden-

tial poll but he clearly retains

sent," Mr. Clinton told reporters

who asked whether he would cut

about that (space programmes) will be pleased by the recom-mendations we make," the presi-

dent said at the start of a meeting

"There may be some changes."

Meanwhile, despite a govern-

ment wide effort to cut costs, a

coalition of environmental groups

urged President Clinton Saturday

to spend more than \$1 billion to

buy hundreds of private parcels

of land for parks and recreation.

other groups warned that if the areas, totalling thousands of acres

(hectares), aren't taken over by

the government they could fall

address the burgeoning budget deficit, the money needed to pro-

tect these sensitive lands is an investment "that will pay us and future generations back forever."

Wilderness Society President

Interior Secretary Bruce Bab-

bitt indicated last week that he

wants to make expanding the

national park system and rectify-ing its \$2 billion maintenance backlog a top priority.

While the government needs to

prey to development.

George Frampton said.

The Wilderness Society and 35

he added without elaborating.

"I think the people who care

funding for the space station.

political ambitions.

with congressmen.

Lithuanian Acting President Algirdas Brazauskas answers reporters questions 13 Feb. after the close of the presidential campaign in Lithuania, Brazauskas is one of two candidates for the post, elections

for which are to be held Sunday (AFP photo)

cheap subsidised fuel from Rus-

Now, homes are without hot

water and heating in flats and

offices is low. Many factories

have closed down or cut produc-

tion, unable to bear the world

market prices being demanded by

Mr. Brazauskas, acting presi-dent since his Democratic Labour

Moscow for fuel.

In Brazil, carnival starts in the womb

RIO DE JANEIRO (R) — Ever mothers-to-be are making sure their babies can dance samba at this year's Rio Carmival. As Brazil falls under the magic spell cast annually by carnival, organisers have set up a parade section where dozens of pregnant women can parade and dance in the city's world-famous celebrations, Globo Television reported. Expectant mothers even have a special school where they can learn moves for dancing to the samba, carnival's trademark music. Before joining the school or entering the parade the women most undergo a medical examination, the television said. "This is too much fun, and I want to pass on all the happiness I feel to my son," said Ana Paula, a samba school dancer who is five months pregnant. Ceremonies marking the start of carnival - a prelenten explosion of dancing, drinking ar 1 revelry across Brazil - take place in Rio Thursday. The merrymaking ends on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 24.

Valentine's Day prompts offbeat British endearments

LONDON (R) — Britons swapped romantic Valentine's Day en-dearments using a galaxy of offbeat nicknames sacb as "sugarcoated snnggleplum," "cuddlebumps" and "tubalnh." The usually-reserved British display their feelings on Valentine's Day, which falls on a Sunday this year, and anonymous public ex-pressions of love abounded in the columns of national newspaper in advance of Feb. 14. Many were incomprehensible, with the code only obvious to t. recipient, a few were worthy of the censor and others just old-fashioned proposals. Most drew heavily on the animal kingdom. "My darling gibbon, all' my love snuggly rabbit," said one in the Times. "Mr. Andrew Cat. purr, purr, miaow, misow. Lots of noserubs, Miss Judith Cat," was another message. Others were more specific.
"Let's do the Kama Sutra together," was the invitation to tubalub from amorous H. Some were far from complimentary -"you smell like a cabbage and look like a leek."

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Japan ex-premier gets surprise Valentine 'treat'

TOKYO (R) — Former Japanese Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita got a surprise Valentine's Day gift Sunday — chocolate bearing a message telling him to quit. Mr. Takeshita, under public pressure to resign for his role in a moneyand-mobster scandal, is due to testify on the affair under eath in parliament this week. According to Kyodo News Agency, 12 women wearing the traditional garb of Japanese messengers gathered in front of Mr. Takeshita's residence and shouted: "We love Mr. Takeshita because he is candidly going to resign (from parliament)." The women then handed Mr. Takeshita's secretary a large heart-shaped box of chocolates bearing the boldly daubed message telling him to step down.

Ted Kennedy Jr. to wed psychiatrist

BOSTON (AP) — Edward M. Kennedy Jr., the son of the Massachusetts senator, will marry a psychiatrist who teaches at Yale University, the senator's office announced Saturday. Mr. Kennedy, 31, will marry Dr. Katherine Anne Gershman, said Melody Miller, a spokeswoman for Sen. Edward M. Kennedy. They met three years ago at a chamber music recital at Yale. They were not willing to speak with repor-ters, Ms. Miller said. The wedding will be in the fall, although no date or location has been set,

Gem dealer with royal links faces iail in Britain

LONDON (R) — Gem dealer. Darius Guppy, a close friend of Princess Diana's brother, was found guilty of an insurance swandled and now faces a long jail term. Mr. Guppy acted as best man when Princess Diana's brother, Earl Spencer, married model Victoria Lockwood in 1989. Mr. Guppy and his business associate Benedict Marsh, both 28, were convicted of conspiracy charges involving fraud, theft and false accounting. They will be sentenced at a later date. Judge Andrew Brooks said: "I don't want you to leave the dock with any illusions. You are both going to prison for a very long time.

WORLD NEWS IN BRIEF

Russian Communists try to regroup

SOROKINO, Russia (AP) — More than 1,000 Communists greeted the leaders of the failed 1991 hardline coup with a standing ovation at a meeting aimed at reviving the descredited Communist Party, "We have survived, Our president goes abroad and says that Communism is dead in Russia. But the Communist movement is becoming stronger," proclaimed Ivan Yakushin, a communal farm chairman. The stage was decorated with a white bust of Lenin. Despite the fanfare, the Communist Party is no ger regarded as a major political movement in Russia. party's membership dwindled in the last years of Soviet power, and most Communist rallies in Moscow now draw fewer than 5,000 people. The Communists, mostly men in their 40s and 50s, gathered at the Klyazma Reservoir P rort, several nondescript vellow brick buildings in a pine torest near the village of Sorokino, I5 kilometres north of Moscow. Anatoly Lukyanov, the former Soviet parliament leader who has been accused of taking part in the coup, told the crowd that Communism has a

Chinese police stop 69 'boat people'

HONG KONG (R) - Chinese police have seized a fishing boat carrying 69 people hoping to sail illegally to Australia, the Peking-controlled China News Service said. The would-be emigrants had each paid up to 4,000 yuan (\$700) to board the craft on the coast of the southern province of Guangxi, which was loaded with enough food for the trip and equipped with sophisticated navigational aids, the weekend report said. The ringleader of the group faced criminal charges, it said, describing the 69 as guilty of attempting to "leave the country illegally." Chinese citizens must have exit visas to travel abroad.

IRA shoots man in Beifast

BELFAST (R) - Gunmen of the Irish Republican Army (IRA) shot and injured a man outside a Belfast pub early Sunday, police said. The man was hit in the leg and the arm as he got out of a car outside the pub. His attackers fled in another car. The IRA, fighting to oust Britain from Northern Ireland, later claimed responsibility for the attack in a call to a local radio station.

'Soviets sank 2 nuclear ships in Baltic'

HAMBURG (AP) - The former Soviet Union disposed of two nuclear-powered ships by sinking them in the Baltic Sea. Der Spiegel news magazine said. It was unclear whether radioactivity was leading from the vessels, the Hamburg-based magazine said in a summary of a report in its next issue, to be released Monday. Russian officials have gradually been releasing information on careless handling of nuclear materials in the former Soviet Union, including disposal of radioactive materials on land and in the Arctic Ocean. But Spiegel's report appeared to be the first on nuclear materials possibly sunk in the narrow Baltic, bordered by Poland. Germany and the Baltic and Scandinavian countries. Spiegel said the German government feared radioactive con-tamination could enter the food chain through fish in the Baltic. It said the sunken vessels were one civilian ship and one military

Ghali due for Tokyo talks

TOKYO (R) - U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Ghali arrives in Japan Monday to seek Tokyo's backing for his ideas on strengthening the world body and its global peacekeeping activities. For Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa, Dt. Ghali's five-day visit offers a chance to advance Japan's bid for a permanent seat on the U.N. Security Council. Dr. Ghali is to meet Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa, Foreign Minister Michio Watanabe and Emperor Akihito as well as deliver three policy speeches and officially open the new headquarters of the United Nations University in Tokyo. As with his January trip to Germany, Dr. Ghali's visit to Japan takes place amid speculation that the world body will soon take steps to reflect an international power balance radically changed from the late 1940s when the

Evacuation near Philippine volcano begins

MABINIT, Philippines (R) - Troopers herded hundreds of Filipinos from their homes near Mount Mayon Sunday and loaded pigs and chickens onto trucks to clear villages threatened by the volcano's eruptions. Scientists kept a close watch while Mayon, which killed more than 60 people earlier this month, rumbled and spewed glowing rocks overnight after a series of moderate eruptions since Friday.

Craxi hints

ROME (R) - Italy's former Socialist leader Bettino Craxi has hinted he will not hesitate to make potentially explosive disclosures in the battle to clear his name of corruption charges.

'I am going to have to reveal many things," he said. "I want all things Italian to be brought to

Speaking to reporters over the versend, former Prime Minister Craxi said he would continue to fight attempts to indict him. pressure to resign since last December when he received the first official warning he was suspected of involvement in a huge bribery

But he made it clear he did not draission of guilt.

In particular, they wonder whether Mr. Craxi will make any damaging accusations which might jeopardise the shaky coalition of his fellow Socialist Prime Minister Giuliano Amate.

Mr. Craxi has always claimed the Socialists - main victims in the bribery scandal - were being unfairly singled our.

His former deputy Gianni De

at juicy revelations

regard his resignation as an

Political analysts bave regarded him as doomed for the last three months. The question pow, they believe, is how many people he will take down with bim.

Michelis has said the scandal could just easily have crippled the dominant Christian Democrats if it had broken out in their power base of Rome instead of the Socialists' stronghold of Milan.

his marriage.

Clinton to cut costs on space station for an orbi that it will cost signify. thy less in coming years Vir sident Al Gore said. President B: Cun., who is trying to tackle a federal budget deficit of well over \$300 billion, said separately on Saturday that there would be some changes in the huge U.S. space programme but he gave no details of what

Bill Clinton

But the New York Times Saturday quoted unnamed administration officials as saying Mr. Clinton's npcoming federal budget would propose spending \$2.25 billion on the space station in the next fiscal year - the amount asked for by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

Mr. Clinton, responding to the rumours, said he was a big backer

Mr. Clinton would kill the proposed space station or drastically cut the current U.S. spending level of about \$2.1 billion.

of space programmes but there may be some changes." "I think you all know I've

always been a big supporter of NASA and the space programme and the technologies it can repre-

Charles wins rousing welcome from U.S. students

WILLIAMSBURG. Virginia (R) held in higher esteem than her said Prince Charle:. husband in British opinion polls. Their breakup followed pub-- American university students But he added: "Why is it that while the means for achieving gave Prince Charles a rousing welcome on the first full day of lication of a saucy phone conhappiness have never been greahis U.S. visit, the first overseas versation said to be between ter, the incidence of stress and trip since the official collapse of Prince Charles and married ex-

girlfriend Camilla Parker-

Heckled at home for the Bowles. The coupie on the tape embarrassing "camillagate" scanheld a steamy bedtime chat. dal, the British heir to the throne taped long before the royals offibroke from his prepared speech cially split. in this southern colonial town in Prince Charles' public standing an ebullient show of joy at the has crumbled at home, although thumping applause that greeted ticket-holders to his 20-minute speech stood in line for up to six hours to see the king-in-waiting "I'm very touched, if I might

say so," Prince Charles said, souking up the cheere from a 10,000-strong audience at the College of William and Mary. "All 1 can say is that it's wonderful to come to Virginia visit at the invitation of President

and receive such an incredibly Carlos Salinas de Gortari. warm and encouraging welcome. Thank you very much indeed." College officials said they could not recall any previous speaker

receiving such an enthusiastic It was the first U.S. test of Prince Charles's popularity since his December split from Princess

on the one public event of his three-day U.S. trip. On Sunday, the prince was due to fly to Houston, Texas, before heading to Mexico for an official

His speech was vintage Queen Elizabeth's 44-year-old

eldest son returned to a favourite theme — the value of simpler times and the spiritual vacuum created by consumerism — in urging a return to traditional

"I claim no special insight,"

depression also seems to be greater than ever before?" The technological rush of today, he said, can rob people of

"We certainly become more knowing, but we do not seem to become any more civilised," he said in a celebration for the 300th anniversary of the college, one of the most prestigious in the United

States. For Prince Charles, the setting could hardly have been more appropriate, Williamsburg, a town of rambling old buildings named for Prince Charles's 17th century ancestor William III, was the colonial capital of Virginia, once Britain's most prosperous

outpost in America. Prince Charles last spoke at William and Mary in 1981, the year of his "fairytale wedding." "In those days I was young and

relatively inexperienced. In these days I am middle-aged and re-latively inexperienced," he

joked. "I now find that I am an exact contemporary of the current vice president of the U.S.A.

and just two years younger than the president." The travails of the queen's children have created intense debate about the future of the monarchy, seen by many young Britons as irrelevant and by older Britons as

morally bankrupt. But Prince Charles urged the crowd to cast away "a cynical disbelief in the relevance of the past to the present, and in the value of what is traditional and

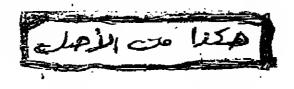
timeless " "It is said that the past is another country. If so, we have become xenophobic," he said.

A joyful Prince Charles shook hands on the college campus and then met privately with 16 stu-

dents, who described the prince

as down-to-carth, funny and re-

Prince Charles lunched with the students and later met President Bill Clinton at a small dinner in Washington hosted by Vice President Al Gore, a long-time friend who shares Prince Charles's environmental passions.



Diana, the glamorous young wife